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## Yarnbombers best yet!

Early on 29 July a small band of members from Kings Langley Arts and Craft Society (KLACS) transformed Kings Langley into a pseudo-coastal town, KLACSton-on-sea. With a myriad of rainbow fish, dolphins, mermaids, beach-huts, sun-bathers and postcard correspondence, fun and frivolity was introduced in the High Street.

The summer yarn-bombing project was the result of many months of creative work by the talented members, each deciding how they could best portray the sea-side theme. The final planning phase was during lockdown, so was conducted via a series of online video meetings.

It was the ideal stimulus to keep spirits uplifted as everyone rushed to add the finishing touches to their work – dorsal fins were sewn onto whales, pieces of gold were added to the treasure chest, wispy clouds were painted onto seascapes and sign-off greetings written onto A4 postcards.



The display is different from previous years as it is based around 20 large panels, some knitted, some painted and a few mixed media.

Panels include underwater vistas, rock pools, beach scenes and cheeky postcard pictures, and the bus shelters are festooned in fishing nets containing a shoal of knitted fish, along with dolphins, squid, octopuses, crabs and seaweed.

An occasional arctic tern perched atop the railings, but not to worry, they weren't the type to eat your ice-cream.

KLACS feel that the seaside theme has never been more appropriate, given the strange

times we're living in, with many people unable to visit the actual seaside. They hope it cheered up the High Street for those who work and shop there, and evoked treasured memories spent on the lovely beaches of the UK.

The display is dedicated to the NHS for their selfless, tireless efforts to protect our lives during the pandemic. Donations to NHS charities can be made on Facebook [@KLartsandcrafts](https://www.facebook.com/KLartsandcrafts).

*More KLACS creations inside!*

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## First village wedding after lockdown!

On Saturday 1 August Father James at All Saints was delighted to conduct the first wedding in the village after the lockdown.

Samantha Biggerstaff and Matthew West had originally planned to get married abroad on that same date, but unfortunately had to cancel those plans due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Samantha was born and grew up in the village and was christened at All Saints, so when their travel plans fell through, the church was an obvious choice. They shared their ceremony with a small group of immediate family and close friends, and afterwards they had a toast in the village garden and



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then left in a campervan for their honeymoon exploring Devon and Cornwall. Congratulations from us all at *Village News*!

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The next edition of *Village News* will be available in November/December 2020, the deadline for copy and advertising is Friday 16 October 2020.

## Bio-dynamism

The Kings Langley biodynamic allotments off Chipperfield Road are abundant at this time of year with masses of produce such as tomatoes, herbs, cucumbers, berries, apples, plums and so many courgettes – all tasting wonderful when eaten fresh.

The allotment holders are a friendly group for those interested in biodynamics, which is a straightforward way of gardening in harmony with nature. Many started gardening organically and then incorporated biodynamic principles, working to a calendar which advises what needs doing each day, making it easier.

The allotments are almost full, but one or two may be available soon. If you are interested, contact Gareth at [KingsLangleyBD@gmail.com](mailto:KingsLangleyBD@gmail.com) or via the website [www.kingslangleybiodynamics.co.uk](http://www.kingslangleybiodynamics.co.uk)



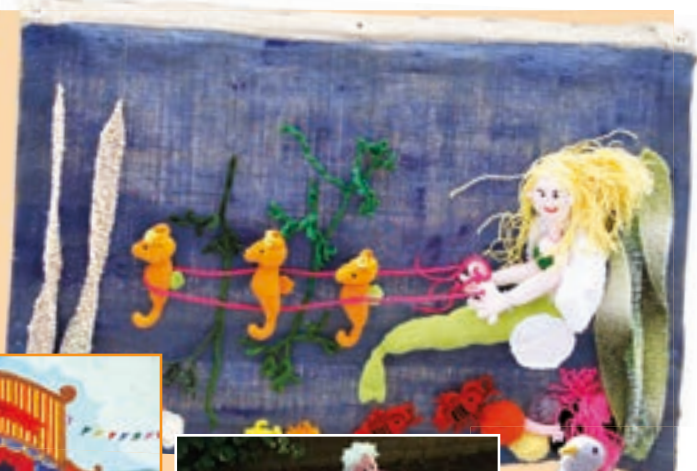
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## Yarnbombers...

Our front page shows Pauline Quelch, Julie Burgess, Margaret Spacey and Gerry Meikle. Many of the works were collaborative projects involving many of the KLACS members whilst some, particularly the paintings and writing, were individual contributions. Here are some more of their wonderful creations currently brightening our High Street.



PHOTOS: GERRY MEIKLE



Some of these works will be up for sale – proceeds will top up NHS fund raising – reserve yours now! If you enjoy knitting, crochet, painting or creative writing, why not join KLACS yourself? Find out more on Facebook @KLartsandcrafts.





## Local Produce Market success

The need for social distancing post lockdown meant the Local Produce Market couldn't be held on the High Street, so they were delighted when the Parish Council offered the Village Garden for the restart of the market in July.

Most of the regular stallholders were back, with more joining in August, with their locally grown or made produce. All reported record sales and many of the customers commented on how much they enjoyed the relaxing environment in the Village Garden. It was great to welcome All Saints Church for the first time who were able to raise a good

amount for church funds selling hot drinks and home-made cakes.

Stalls included *The Redbournbury Mill* bread stall – a long standing participant and a favourite, *The Mediterranean Pie Company* selling their vegetarian handmade pies, *The Bakehouse* with their delicious pastries, as well as plants, aromatherapy creams, balms, cleansers and oils, and produce from the TiK allotments.

The Market is on the third Saturday of every month, 9am – 1pm in the Village Garden until further notice. They are always on the look-out for additional sellers – if you are a local producer or know of one please email John Morrish [morrishj@virginmedia.com](mailto:morrishj@virginmedia.com)

*The Market saw newcomers All Saints' Church, selling refreshments, and old favourites The Redbournbury Mill*

## Hertfordshire libraries are starting to reopen...

After a thorough survey of all 46 libraries in the county, Hertfordshire County Council have approved several libraries as Covid-secure and ready for reopening to the public, offering limited browsing, while work continues on the rest.

The 'new normal' looks very different – you can find out more at [www.bit.ly/KLVNLibrary](http://www.bit.ly/KLVNLibrary)

Keep up to date with library reopening plans at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) or call 0300 123 4049 as things are changing quickly.

There are limited services at Abbots Langley library, and Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead are offering Ready Read packs which can be collected from the library entrance – order online or call the number above. When your *Village News* was printed this there was no news about Kings Langley library reopening date, but items currently on loan will have their borrowing period extended.

During the pandemic the library service has added many more titles to its online offering, with online usage almost tripling compared to the same period last year. If you have not already done so it is easy to download RBDigital, PressReader and BorrowBox – try it, you may be converted.

Many people are missing the local library for the services and for the social aspects it provides – everyone looks forward to hearing some reopening news very soon!



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# St Lauras thanks Louise for lockdown singing



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Kings Langley-based professional singer Louise Harper regularly performed for free on the 'Clap for Carers' Thursday evenings outside the railings at St Lauras, entertaining the care home residents and other locals.

On Friday 14 August, Louise gave a special performance at St Lauras Care Home and they presented her with cards and flowers to thank her for the boost she gave to them all with her singing during lockdown. Her baby is due in three months but she's still going strong!

## New football season set to start

As the country returns to normal, Kings Langley Football Club (KLFC) kick off their quest for promotion from the Southern League Central on the provisional start date of Saturday 19 September.

They hope to start in the same cracking form as they prematurely ended last season, with a squad that includes ex-Watford players Lloyd Doyley and Will Hoskins, ex-professional players Harry Crawford and Jordan Parkes, team captain Roddy Collins and club favorites Callum Adebisi, Jorrell Johnson, Stevie Ward, Dean Hitchcock and Kyle and Gary Connolly.

The club are giving generous reductions to local NHS staff, season ticket prices are frozen and match day entry prices have been reduced or frozen.

Twitter [@KLFCofficial](#) or Facebook [Kings Langley Football Club](#).

## Semi-lockdown or Semi-freedom?

On the second Sunday of July the Waterside Baptist chapel reopened – it was like a return from exile. Except they are not permitted to sing, instead the organist plays the verses on the piano and the words are followed silently!

The advantages of the church mean that two metres between different households can be observed – measured with a bamboo cane the right length! There are readings from the Bible and a sermon as well as prayers.

Like All Saints, Waterside Baptist recorded sermons on-line and these continue to take the place of evening worship. The upshot has been to make everyone appreciate what they had; what they have; and what they may have again. Those wishing to join are asked to phone in advance.

The glass is half-full.

*Dear all,*

One of my grandmothers was forever muddling up her sayings. We were often confronted by wisdom along the lines of 'A stitch in time saves the cat'. The one that amused me was her inability to say the word palaver. Since it is one of my favourites, and most appropriate these days, I often find myself recalling her charming assertion that it was, 'all a bit of pullover'.

Well, the process of opening up the churches is a right pullover. Not only are there risk assessments, cleaning schedules and sign-in books, but we are still trying to carry on with our online worship as well. As Methodists here in Kings Langley we have a special problem. We have watched the enormous efforts of our lovely colleagues at the parish church making their building safe. As they took their first teetering steps back into the physical world, the question of course was rightly asked – but what about us? When will the Methodist Church open?

When the Methodist Church was accidentally founded three hundred years ago, its success was based on the street preaching of John Wesley, and the hymns of Charles Wesley. Even

## A letter from the Methodist minister

then it was the hymns that taught people about Methodist thinking, and from that day to this we have lived on a diet of hymns, even calling our services 'five hymn sandwiches'. Opening up the Methodist Church without singing is like opening up the pub without beer or running a hospital without nurses. This, more than anything else, has made us question how we reopen.

So we are going to start with an outdoor garden service in the second week of September, by when we should be able to sing hymns and have a large enough congregation to feel right. We are doing everything to make the first gathering as safe as possible and you would be very welcome to join us – but please let us know if you are coming. If the weather is as unseasonable as recently, we'll be sitting out there in our Sou'wester hats and carrying umbrellas. Remember to bring your pullover...

God bless,  
Rev Andrew J Brazier



PHOTO: EMMA ANTON

*In first place – number 1 in a field of one – and faster by one minute!*

Last year's winner of the Founder's Trophy in the Puffaten race wasn't content to sit at home when this year's event was cancelled due to Covid-19; Brad Parkins decided to run the 10km 'race' anyway!

He was issued with a race number by organiser Alan Johnson, and with a few family and friends cheering him on he completed the route a minute faster than last year, raising money for the Hospice of St Francis.

The Founder's Trophy is awarded to the first Kings Langley resident to complete the 10k race, dedicated to John Cherry who founded the Puffa fun run.

## Planning granted at busy crossroads

The offices at no.1 Hempstead Road, at the junction of Vicarage Lane and the High Street, have been empty for some time.



PHOTO: ALAN JOHNSON

On the face of it, proposals to bring the building back into use are good news, however the proposal that has just been agreed by Dacorum, against the objections of the Parish Council and most local residents, is for a 40-place day nursery (operating 7am to 7pm) with 'drop off' access from Vicarage Lane very near the junction.

Concerns raised about the proposal included the high number of parents likely to drive to the nursery, the time taken to drop-off a child with very limited parking on-site, the lack of nearby parking and the impact of this on the existing traffic at busy times of the day being likely to cause gridlock.

'One wonders how long parents and carers will want to leave their children at this nursery given the problems they will experience every day,' said Parish Councillor Alan Johnson. 'I am also concerned at the additional risk primary and secondary school children will face with cars pulling across the only pavement on this part of Vicarage Lane.'

'To hear planning officers and Herts Highways providing assurances that

this proposal would not generate the problems local people described was disappointing,' added Alan. 'However, suggesting that the parking restrictions will be enforced and space would be available in the village's two car parks stretched credulity beyond belief.'

*Above: Is a busy road junction really an ideal site for a day nursery?*



Following an increase in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles, Dacorum police have just launched Operation Feline to help drivers protect them.

There have been several stolen from car parks and roadsides in Kings Langley – thieves can steal a catalytic converter in minutes and often in broad daylight. Visit [www.orlo.uk/64D44](http://www.orlo.uk/64D44) for tips on keeping yours secure.

Report info on catalytic converter theft by calling 101 or in an emergency dial 999.

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# Near miss for Wayside Farm

Charlie Wray has farmed in Kings Langley for more than 40 years as a tenant farmer on land owned by Hertfordshire County Council, with his herd of beautiful Jersey cows requiring milking twice a day, every day, come rain or shine or Covid-19.

This year has been tough – Charlie came within an hour of having to discard a full 2,500 litre tank of milk when lockdown closed his usual distribution network, which would have been very distressing.

With the hospitality sector, coffee shops, and airlines all locked down, there was nowhere to sell the milk that the cows still produce regardless. As it is, the price of milk has plummeted and at one point Charlie was only getting 12p a litre which just isn't sustainable long term.

'When I started farming, there were 162 dairy farms in Hertfordshire, now we are one of six left, all tenants of Herts County Council, meaning all the private dairy farms have closed.'

It has been tricky managing milking staff having to isolate, and Charlie is still looking for additional experienced milk hands to help spread the load. He and his partner, Barbara Wright, regularly work more than 14 hours every day.

The Farm Shop selling produce, raw (untreated) milk and other essentials



has helped keep the farm solvent but also adds to the workload. Visitors to the farm and walkers are asked not to touch the livestock as the Covid-19 virus could remain on the animal for up to 72 hours, increasing the risks for anyone else touching these animals.

Recently there have been campers on the farm's land having campfires which is obviously very dangerous especially in the hot dry weather we have had, as a spark could set fire to the fields and cause untold damage.

A very near miss was from some sky lanterns which were still burning when they landed within metres of his barn – if this had caught fire it would have destroyed the store of straw used for overwintering

## Raw milk vending machines earn their keep



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

'The two vending machines have been our lifeline during the lockdown', said Charlie Wray. 'They've enabled us to sell our renowned raw milk throughout, without risk to our customers'. First installed three years ago, they're now both open throughout the week and are regularly cleaned and sanitised. Rachel Low, pictured here, often tops up supplies when she returns to the village to visit her family.



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*Charlie said 'if these burning lanterns had landed just a few feet closer to our straw barn, the whole lot would have gone up and we would have been finished.' If they'd drifted into the open cowshed much injury could have resulted to these lovely calves, below with Charlie.*



*Are you aware that sky lanterns can cause suffering to, or even kill, animals and livestock? As well as fire, dangers include:*

- livestock eating lantern debris which can cause tears or punctures to internal organs
- wires can splinter in animals' skin which may cause infection
- animals can become trapped or tangled in debris
- frames of lanterns can contaminate crops which are then unknowingly fed to animals.

PHOTOS: BARRY KEMP, LIBRARY STOCK

the cows, caused thousands of pounds of damage to the barn and perhaps spread to neighbouring farm buildings.

This year's hot dry weather has hampered the growth of straw crop meaning stocks will be limited, so the additional long-term damage from a single sky lantern could be incalculable.

Charlie says, 'It should be a criminal offence to let go of a ball of fire with no control over it, landing wherever it might'. A petition to UK parliament in 2018 requesting the banning of balloons and sky lanterns did not result in any legislative changes, but non-regulatory measures and voluntary codes of practice aimed at minimising the risks and driving up safety standards are being taken forward.

Hertfordshire County Council has backed the campaign from the National Farmers Union and has banned the release of sky lanterns on council owned land but it doesn't have the power to ban it across the whole county.

For more information on how to help work towards a nationwide ban, please see [bit.ly/KLVNnfu](http://bit.ly/KLVNnfu) or [bit.ly/KLVNban](http://bit.ly/KLVNban)

We are so lucky to have a dairy farm in Kings Langley with open fields remaining as they have for generations – Charlie is the current custodian of these essential green spaces and hopes to remain so for a good while yet.



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

*Wayside Farm Shop has continually grown since its opening in 2017 and is now a popular one-stop for an extensive range of British produce. 'It's been a difficult time, with restricted opening hours and a reduction in trade', said Charlie, 'but we've had wonderful support from our villagers'.*



PHOTO: WAYSIDE FARM

*The Farm Shop offers a wide variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, cheeses, honey, bread, home made cakes and Dawlicious ice cream as well as gifts, cards, logs, kindling, firefighters and coal. Do pop in!*

*Staffed by Barbara and Bethany, pictured above, opening is currently restricted to Thursday – Sunday (see Facebook [wayside farm & raw milk](#) for any updates)*

## Dacorum Borough Council news

The leader of Herts County Council has proposed a restructuring of councils in Hertfordshire making the county level a 'unitary authority' providing all 'local' services and abolishing the district councils such as Dacorum Borough Council.

It's a complicated subject, but the impact would be enormous, and we have been working behind the scenes to try and prevent it, recalling the last time restructuring was raised in the early 1990s.

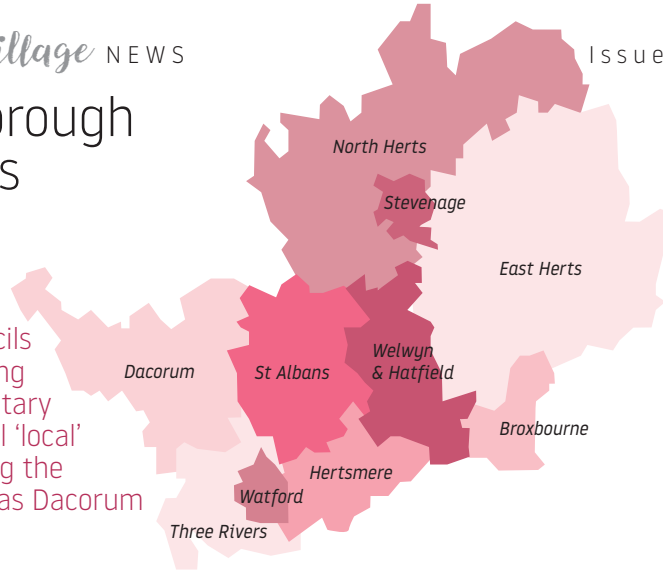
Restructuring would involve, for example, planning decisions being taken in Hertford, further diluting local people's say on local developments. Worse still, in our case, the proposer has his sights on development on council owned farmland between Kings Langley and the A41.

However, Hertfordshire would be too big for a unitary authority, so would need to be split into two or possibly three. There might be some savings from merging the districts, but also additional costs of multiple centres. Geography would be an issue – where would a West Herts unitary covering Dacorum, St Albans, Three Rivers, Watford and Hertsmere be based?

Unitaries are popular to some, as cost saving and simpler arrangements, but the existing two-tier structure has been successful in Hertfordshire, using scale to be economical where necessary, whilst still being local and responsive. Fortunately, the county's MPs are against the proposal, so hopefully the Government white paper on 5 September will exclude making changes here.

Recently the Government announced some changes to the planning system;

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It's too early to tell what impact the changes will have, but the removal of the requirement to swap housing numbers with neighbouring councils – which had stalled the planning system – now means that authorities in England like ours will have to publish and consult on the first draft of new Local Plans.

The Local Plan has been and will be controversial, and residents are all asked to look out for the additional news on this, available from different sources online. The Council has to follow a process as set out by the Government, otherwise developers will be permitted to develop what they like.

– Councillor Alan Anderson  
Kings Langley Ward, Dacorum Borough Council.

## Wanted: a website logo...

Kings Langley Parish Council is sponsoring a new website – Kings Langley Links – which will contain information on clubs, societies, organisations and activities which are taking place in and around the village, together with venues which can be hired and used for these activities.

The information will also be available in hard copy form at the Village Library, and at other locations around the village. The website needs an appropriate logo to help define its character!

Designs can be hand-drawn, painted, computer generated or in any other format, and should be submitted to [activities@kingslangleylinks.com](mailto:activities@kingslangleylinks.com) by Friday 16 October 2020.

## News from the Parish Pump

Despite a restricted level of parish council activity over the last two months, community spirit has been much in evidence.

The volunteer Village Garden morning on the 1st Friday of the month has seen several volunteers planting and weeding during some very hot weather.

'We're always delighted to welcome anyone who wants to spend a couple of hours in the Village Garden, either enjoying the peace and quiet or getting their hands dirty in the flower beds,' said Councillor Andrew Hubberstey, 'Arwen Turner even brought some spare plants from her own garden to add some extra colour and variety.'

The first High Street surgery of 2020 also took place in the Village Garden as part of the monthly market in August; surprisingly Covid-19 restrictions did not feature in the discussions.

'Kings Langley villagers tend to focus on the positive,' explained Councillor Alan Johnson, 'they're obviously concerned about the threats to the village from Green Belt development or the proposed motorway services, but know they can always talk to their local councillors, and it's an opportunity for councillors to update locals on problem issues such as parking.'

The monthly litter-picks on the last Sunday of the month have continued with increasing numbers. July volunteers spanned four generations including Kerry, Cassandra, Marguerite, Team Karen, Andrew, Eamonn, Peter and two councillors.

'It was disappointing to find broken glass on the Common and tin cans on Water Lane near the Canal,' explained Councillor Derek Collins, 'but extremely heartening to see so many youngsters doing their bit.'



# Works in the graveyard

The 13th century parish church of All Saints has a large churchyard which people enjoy every week of the year as a green space for reflection and remembrance at the heart of the village.

Both the old churchyard and the southern or 'new' graveyard, opened in the 19th century, were closed to new burials in 1985 which meant that the Local Authority became responsible for its maintenance and upkeep – a common arrangement in England.

Some monuments in the new graveyard have become unsafe, so Dacorum's *Clean, Safe and Green* team were unable to carry out their regular maintenance last summer and, due to Covid-19, were not able to resume work earlier this year. However, in partnership with the parish council and All Saints, Dacorum's team are back in action – mowing and strimming, cordoning off monuments and graves which have become unsafe and replacing the footpath. Fr. James from All Saints said, 'It is really excellent to

see the work the team have done. We want the whole churchyard to be a space for the community and this is a great step forward in making it more welcoming.'

The Parish Council and All Saints are also working to establish a Friends group to complement Dacorum's ongoing work. They hope that the churchyard can be further enhanced, including a churchyard trail highlighting significant monuments that reflect the village's history, and the development of planting and mowing regimes to encourage wildlife and create reflective areas.



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*If you have a family member buried in the All Saints graveyard, please check the grave to ensure that it is safe, not toppling over, that there is no loose masonry and there are no holes or depressions on or adjacent to the plot. Following an accident, Dacorum Borough Council have highlighted these graves particularly requiring attention:*

- Eva & Edwin Phillips
- Alice & Florence Henley
- Percy Dyer
- Emily Janie Waller
- Victor John & George Simmonds
- Barry & Rae Deane
- Leslie & David Smith
- Gladys Alice Johnstone
- Phillip & Lily Surridge

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## Good Neighbours – great response!

*A wonderful group of volunteers responded from Kings Langley when the call for help went out at the beginning of the pandemic!*

As a village community we must express our gratitude to those who downed tools and rose to the challenge. Because so many responded, no-one was over-burdened with tasks, which were shared out fairly, and all calls for help were quickly met. The normal practice of giving lifts to medical appointments changed to concentrating on requests for shopping and collecting prescriptions from pharmacies.

### *A thank you poem to Good Neighbours volunteers during lockdown*

My thanks to Gina, Lucy, Annette and all the others whose names I forget,  
For keeping me with food supplied and safe and un-Coronafied.  
Who did my shopping with obvious pleasure,  
while I felt guilty at this extra leisure.  
If my list at times ambiguous,  
I'd say 'don't worry just choose for us'  
And always they shopped much better than I,  
and on the prices kept a keen eye.  
They seemed to pack the shopping so well,  
their experience apparent, it was easy to tell.  
I'd always be happy, it would always be fine,  
so long as they got my two bottles of wine.  
A bottle of white, Sauvignon Blanc,  
Any bottle of red – even a bottle of plonk!  
Returning with shopping they'd place on my tiles,  
Then stand back and greet me with such happy smiles.  
I'd thank them profusely for all of their labours,  
So my sincere thanks go to Kings Langley's 'Good Neighbours'

– Derek Collins

Gradually, the number of calls for help reduced, now the hospitals restarting routine appointments, clients are enquiring about lifts again – so a 'back to normal' service being restarted provided drivers can be identified who are prepared to transport a client in their car, with adequate protection for both driver and passenger.

The Good Neighbours' Association has been operating in the Village for well over 50 years having been started at a time of national and local emergency (deep snow!) when shopping for the elderly and vulnerable presented a major problem. However their work continues whether there is a crisis or not!



Enquiries from new volunteers for the Helpline or for driving are welcome, as are new clients. The phone is manned daily from 9am – 5pm taking messages after hours: **07790 668672**. See the website [www.kligna.org](http://www.kligna.org) or the notice board by The Langley Butcher for more information.

*Above; volunteer Stephen Clarke at the wheel*

## Medals awarded at Friars Mead



Challenges all completed and medals awarded... thank you to residents and staff for taking part to help raise money for the care home's coming out of 'lockdown' party to be scheduled soon. So far, the Just Giving page has raised over £800 with half the funds to go to The Hospice of St Francis. Well done!

*A resident is awarded her medal for a challenge successfully completed*

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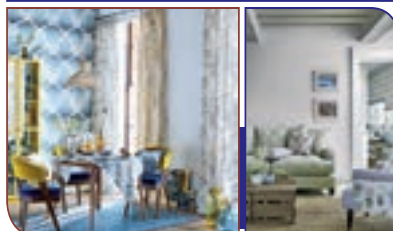


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## Please go shopping!

The reopened Hospice of St Francis shop in the village has had a huge number of donations of items to sell – probably from everyone using the lockdown period to have a good sort out!

They are now very keen to encourage more shopping as the shop has been quieter than usual. Please support them and pop in and buy something when you're passing!



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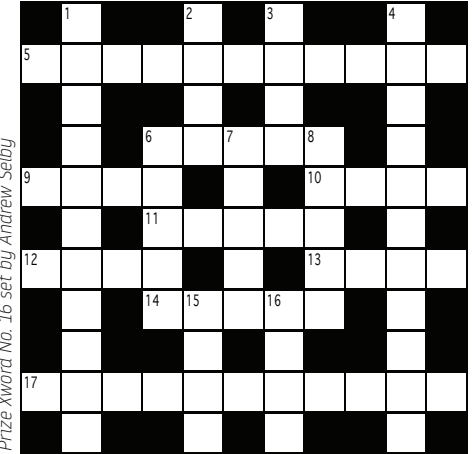


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*Our Issue 15 Xword winner Evie Hinsull, a pupil at Kings Langley Secondary School, shared her prize of a delicious **Tea for Two** at **The Kitchen at Inspired** with boyfriend Tom Archer. 'I often do the Village News Xword – this one took me a while', she said, 'but I asked my mum to help out whenever I got stumped by a clue'.*

## Prize Xword

*This issue's prize is a **Christmas Hamper** kindly donated by **Wayside Farm**! Simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive by Friday 16 October. The first correct entry drawn from the hat will be awarded this month's prize.*



Prize Xword No. 16 set by Andrew Selby

### Across

- 5 Is this a crimson leonine Village byway? (3,4,4)
- 6 Woodwind instrument (5)
- 9 Type of musical instrument perhaps once played in the former Kings Langley Royal Palace (4)
- 10 Village lane for the betrothed? (4)
- 11 Further forward (5)
- 12 In many card-games, the winning cards (4)
- 13 A currency (4)
- 14 Queen Elizabeth I was the last Royal with this family name (5)
- 17 Is this Village way not liked by golfers? (7,4)

### Down

- 1 Ability to overcome difficulties (11)
- 2 Mr Toovey once ran one of these in our Village (4)
- 3 On special occasions, what some folk do to delightfully decorate our Village High Street (4)
- 4 Result of something not deliberate (11)
- 6 Large celebratory meal (5)
- 7 Make topsy-turvy (5)
- 8 Old tree? (5)
- 15 Second-hand (4)
- 16 Hop drying kiln (4)

### Correct Answers to Xword No: 15

**Across:** 1 Archer Close, 6 Dingo, 7 Edge, 9 Nori, 11 Kea, 13 Singe, 14 Stela, 15 Yap, 17 Rust, 19 Gade, 20 Agogo, 21 Langley Hill, **Down:** 1 Adversarial, 2 Hyde, 3 Range, 4 Lion, 5 Equilateral, 8 Genus, 10 Omega, 11 Key, 12 Asp, 16 Anode, 18 Tang, 19 Goth



PHOTO: 1ST HOMECARE GROUP

## Happy carer, happy client!

1st Homecare provides personalised high-quality care services to elderly and disabled people in their own homes in Kings Langley, and they have been recognised as one of the top 20 homecare provider groups in the UK by the care sector's premier review service [homecare.co.uk](http://homecare.co.uk)

The award was based on reviews from the people that they care for, and their friends and relatives.

Amanda Hopkins, reviews manager of [homecare.co.uk](http://homecare.co.uk), said: 'People are living longer with more complex conditions, so home care providers, which offer compassionate, personalised care to people living

in their own homes are becoming increasingly crucial in today's society.'

In particular during the pandemic, home care providers have played a key role in caring for the elderly and vulnerable who may be self-isolating at home. For more information visit [www.1st-homecare.com](http://www.1st-homecare.com)

## Benchmark Project

In July local resident Pauline Symons, on her walks around the village, spotted that there are lots of benches dedicated to loved ones and members of the community.

She says 'They are not just benches, they are a wonderful lasting memory and are especially marvellous so that people like me can get the benefit of somewhere to rest awhile and enjoy a peaceful view. I've decided to try and photograph all the benches I encounter on my walks.'

Here are some of Pauline's photos so far...



*Bench #1 – What a restful and beautiful place to sit with this view of our ancient church. The Village Garden is such a special place. Thank you to the family of Derrick Jones.*



PHOTOS: PAULINE SYMONS

*Bench #2 – This bench in our lovely village garden dedicated to Margaret Gale is where Pauline regularly sits during her walks.*



*Bench #3 – What a lovely place to sit if, like Michael Blunden, you love cricket, or even if you're not much of a fan.*



*Bench #6 –The memory of Simon Rowe, another lover of cricket, has given us somewhere peaceful and beautiful to sit and rest in these challenging times.*



*Bench #4 – So very sad to see this on the common. Antony Bonito died so young.*

*Bench #5 – I don't think John Lennon was a Kings Langley lad!*





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