



# Village News

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Following the Government's reduction of Dacorum's housebuilding target from 1,025 per year to 922, and campaigning by our local Borough Councillors as well as by Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA) and local people, the potential development of three Kings Langley green belt sites has been prevented.

The earlier consultation on housing development to 2036 included four village sites at Shendish, Hill Farm, Wayside Farm and Rectory Farm, but in a significant victory for Kings Langley, the next iteration of the plan will include only one of these sites comprising up to 200 dwellings, at Rectory Farm.

Borough Councillor Alan Anderson says that development at Rectory Farm is disappointing, but it could not be excluded from the next

## Three green belt sites safe from development!

stage of the Local Plan because the Council's mandatory target could not be met without it, and it scored amongst the lowest when the various green belt proposals were assessed.

In addition, with the rest of Dacorum having to take development, it wasn't possible to argue that Kings Langley should have no development at all, and it would not extend the village any further than already exists at Coniston Road.

KL&DRA remain opposed in principle to all green belt development, regardless of its location, arguing that if Covid-19 has taught us anything it is that development should not be at the expense of open spaces. Kings Langley and the surrounding area has already

accommodated approximately 3,500 dwellings since the last Local Plan and Three Rivers continues to build just across the canal. KL&DRA want the remaining area at Rectory Farm identified as a strategic public open space, with a wildlife corridor along the canal.

'We would urge everyone to respond to the consultation opposing further building on Rectory Farm and will be issuing a Newsletter to every household providing advice on the grounds to do so,' explained KL&DRA Chair Gary Ansell. 'We know others will be responding to the consultation suggesting villages like Kings Langley take a bigger proportion of the housing numbers and it is vital that there is another big response from villagers to ensure this doesn't happen.'

*David Zerny, Eric Martin, Mark Rogers, Annie Martin, Gary Ansell, Alan Johnson, Ann Johnson, Charlie Wray with Sir Mike Penning during his earlier visit to Wayside Farm*



The consultation on the next stage of the new Local Plan will commence in November, running for eight weeks. To participate and find out more see the Dacorum strategic plan website at [bit.ly/KLVNlocalplan](http://bit.ly/KLVNlocalplan)

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## Village News contacts...

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The next edition of *Village News* will be available in January/February 2021, with a copy and advertising deadline of Friday 11 December 2020.

## John North – master of the sweet pea

8 Dec 1938 –  
10 Oct 2020

John North died last month after a fall in his garden. He was a familiar figure in the village, whether it was sitting outside the Lunch Box chatting happily with a coffee and a sandwich, or cycling along the main road bare headed and not a care in the world.

Every week he would lay flowers on the grave of his parents at All Saints. He spent his working life as a gardener at Shendish and then Dickinsons, and when not working he was tending his garden and winning prizes every year in the village Best Kept Garden Competition, even being presented with a Lifetime Achievement award! Everything he grew from tomatoes to his treasured sweet peas thrived under his green fingers. He was a wonderful, friendly, sweet man who will be missed by all those lucky enough to have known him.

### *A tribute from Julian Mincham:*

'Several years ago, we were looking for an experienced gardener to look after our garden. A few days later the doorbell rang and standing on the step was a dignified looking man in his sixties, holding a bike. "I hear you are looking for a gardener" he said. "Well



there's a lot of things I don't know much about, but I know a lot about gardening".

'He was true to his word, telling me about his father who had been head gardener at Shendish Manor, from whom he had started to learn the trade at the age of five. There was little he didn't know about plants of all kinds and his advice was always sound and sensible. John's speciality was sweet peas which he lovingly raised to a high standard and for which he won many prizes.'

### *A tribute from his long time friend and neighbour, Annie Freeman:*

'We would spend hours chatting while we worked in our gardens and he would give me a history lesson about how Kings Langley used to be, or show me how to graft a rose cutting. Each year he'd hand me produce he'd grown, and he always picked me the biggest bunch of sweetly scented sweet peas.

'John was ready to help in any way he could and always willing to stop and chat. He was my very dear, constant and delightful neighbour and I will miss him greatly.'



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Christian Aid cycle ride raises over £1,300

Kings Langley Christian Aid Chair Paul Tucker, accompanied by his friend Paul Hutchinson, cycled along the canal tow path to Regents Park on 12 October to raise much needed funds for the charity's work in the developing world.

Starting off on a cool but dry day at 8.30am they arrived in Regents Park at around 1pm, after a brief coffee stop in Hayes and a chat with some interested local people. Following a short lunch break they were overcome with enthusiasm and so tackled the return leg via the A5 making a total of 55 miles.

They admitted that the ride was very enjoyable, although the tow path was closed for repairs in a few short places and a dog tried to see them off near one barge! Paul Tucker said 'I have been touched by people's generosity, prayers and kind thoughts which made us feel that we were being willed on!' So far £1,300 has been raised; You can contribute on Paul's JustGiving page at [bit.ly/KLVNcycle](http://bit.ly/KLVNcycle) or to Paul directly.



Above: Paul Hutchinson and Paul Tucker setting off from home in Kings Langley and arriving in Regents Park

## Apple pressing at the allotments

The Kings Langley biodynamic allotment group held their annual apple pressing day on Sunday 11 October.

year it rained all day! Covid distancing rules were observed, but the group enjoyed working together in the beautiful orchard.

About eight wheelbarrow loads of apples were converted to tasty apple juice in perfect weather – last

There are still allotment plots available, contact [kingslangleybd@gmail.com](mailto:kingslangleybd@gmail.com) if interested.



Gareth Goode tipping the apples into the juice press in the sunshine

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Watford General Hospital

## New hospital update

Campaigners for a new hospital are concerned that a rushed and flawed decision made by local health bodies is putting patient safety and staff concerns in second place to an apparent obsession with the current Watford site.

At the joint board meeting of the West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust and Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group on 1 October, the decision was made to ignore calls for a new convenient central modern hospital to serve everyone in West Hertfordshire, but instead to refurbish/rebuild at the hospital's current location in Watford; This would involve a new building squeezed on the steep slope of the current hospital car park, within a few metres of the windows of the existing main clinical block.

The joint board used timing and cost as their reasons to support this decision, claiming that they would be able to complete a hospital on the Watford site by 2025/26. The New Hospital Campaign (NHC), along with Dacorum Borough Council and Sir Mike Penning

MP, all believe that the 'evidence' produced by the Trust is seriously flawed. Campaigners also believe that the recent survey was misleading and incomplete; although over 5,000 community surveys were completed, only 3,368 were included in their report within the meeting papers.

Following meetings with the NHC, Mike Penning has made contact with the National Audit Office to alert them to their concerns, which are now being scrutinised. Members of the NHC secured a Judicial Review into the process that the NHS chiefs used to make their decision on a suitable site, and this will be heard late October. Meanwhile, the NHC are committed to fighting on!

More information on the campaign can be found at [www.dhag.org.uk](http://www.dhag.org.uk)

## Library events move to 'Zoom'

Although the library currently remains closed, the volunteers are still actively seeking ways to keep in touch with the local community. There's the donated book stall at the monthly Kings Langley market, also promoting library events. Children's books very popular at the moment!

Recently the Local History and Museum Society in conjunction with the library, held a very successful showing of their film *The Royal Palace of Kings Langley* via Zoom, to which only ticket holders for the event that was cancelled during lockdown were invited. This proved very successful which has encouraged the library to organise more Zoom events over the next few months.

On 1 December there is a presentation on *The past and future of Air Traffic Control* by Andy Rankine who has had a very distinguished career in this field. You can register to join the event at the book stall at the market on 21 November or email [kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com) for more details.

More events are planned for the New Year so check for posters on village noticeboards or follow Kings Langley Community Library on Facebook.

In mid October it was confirmed that the reopening of the library has been postponed, however the County Council 'remain absolutely committed to reopening Kings Langley library as soon as it is safe to do so, taking into account the prevailing situation with Covid'.

In the meantime any borrowed books from Kings Langley since 16 March 2020 will be renewed automatically, or they can be put through the library's letterbox, or returned to any Hertfordshire library (Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Abbots Langley libraries are all open). The reservation service for library items has now restarted.

## Village market continues successfully in Village Garden

The monthly village market on the third Saturday of each month, 9am to 1pm, plans to stay in the Village Garden for the time being - during the winter months the stalls will be around the edge of the footpath which is nearly 2m wide, allowing for safe distance passing, and with a one-way system. If you haven't found it yet, the Village Garden is between All Saints Church and the High Street, at the top of Church Lane.



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## Santa's sleigh is back

Get ready to welcome back Santa on his sleigh out and about in Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley and Bovingdon!

Santa will be helped by Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club and 24 local organisations raising money for local charities. They won't be able to knock on doors to let residents know the sleigh is nearby and collect donations so, instead, leaflet drops are planned, as well as information via schools and newsletters. Regardless of funds raised, everyone feels it is important to take the sleigh out to deliver some much-needed joy in the community.

All the information about dates, times, routes and tracking is on the Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club website and Facebook page. Santa will be in Kings Langley on the evening of Thursday 26 November.

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## Friars Mead manager finalist in Great British Care Awards

Karoline McCarthy-Gullin has been shortlisted as a finalist for The Great British Care London Awards – a celebration of excellence across the care sector, paying tribute to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding qualities within their field of work.

Karoline recently celebrated 20 years at the residential care home in Rockcliffe Avenue, and many other staff members also have long service there – an indication of Karoline's management and the happiness of the home. Karoline and her team take pride in ensuring every resident feels at home, surrounded by their personal effects within pleasant surroundings.

The pandemic has put Karoline's management skills to the test, however the staff and residents still have smiles on their faces and continue to enjoy life in the home as best as they can during

these difficult times. During the recent fundraising challenge at Friars Mead, Karoline raised money by spending time in a wheelchair every day for a month!

Good luck to Karoline with the awards and well done to her team at Friars Mead who continue to care for the residents under challenging conditions.

## Kings Langley WI has a new President



Joyce Gray, KLWI's long-standing member and President, recently expressed a desire to stand down, and has persuaded a relative newcomer to the village, Nova Horley, to take over with immediate effect.

Nova, above, trained as a dancer and singer at Arts Educational School in Tring and London, whilst performing in professional pantomimes and summer seasons, before opting for a 'proper job', and maintaining her skills in amateur societies. Looking forward to resuming the WI's monthly meetings, and to welcoming both current and hopefully new members, she says 'The WI is a lovely way to get to know people, they all have a zest for life and are very welcoming.'



## Help stop fly-tipping scourge!

Dacorum Borough Council takes a zero-tolerance approach to environmental crime, and fly-tipping in particular, with their Environmental Enforcement Officers working hard to assess, visit and investigate every reported incident of fly-tipping.

Following investigation, the Enforcement Team will endeavour to issue Fixed Penalty Notices or collect evidence for prosecution. If fly-tipping becomes regular at a particular location, it could qualify

for additional targeted enforcement interventions such as extra patrols, signage and/or surveillance.

Everyone is encouraged to report any incidents of fly-tipping with as much

detail as possible, including photos, either on the council's website at [bit.ly/KLVNflytip](https://bit.ly/KLVNflytip) or by calling DBC customer services unit on 01442 228000.

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence, so if you see a fly-tipping in progress, call the Police on 999, and take details of any vehicle or people involved.

Don't go through the fly-tip as it may be hazardous, but if it is blocking the road then you can report it to Herts Highways online at [bit.ly/KLVNhighway](https://bit.ly/KLVNhighway) or call 0300 123 4047.

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# Covid claims Christmas casualty

The Kings Langley Village Lights Festival has become a village fixture since the first switch-on in the early 90s but, regrettably, it has had to be cancelled this year. This will be a huge disappointment for children and adults alike, who have in the past welcomed the opportunity to enjoy the usual rides, stalls, shops and entertainment which have provided a fitting start to the festive season.

'I am very disappointed that this year's Christmas Lights Festival has had to be cancelled,' says Councillor Gerry Angiolini, who chairs the Christmas Lights Committee. 'However, in the midst of a pandemic, which is spread by close personal contact, it would be irresponsible for us to go ahead.'

'We are hopefully bringing forward the turning on of the lights to bring a bit of early cheer to the High Street in these difficult times.'

'We are delighted that Barry Denmead of Wilden Services Limited has very generously agreed to sponsor us again and we will be running the Atkins Award for the **Best Christmas Themed Premises on the High Street** – the winner will receive £50 to donate to a charity of their choice – along with an additional competition, **Best**



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**Residential Christmas Lights**, for which the Parish Council are offering £75, £50 and £25 prizes.' Competition winners will be featured in the January issue of *Kings Langley Village News*.

Entry forms are on the Parish Council website [kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](http://kingslangley-pc.gov.uk) and are available from the Council offices.

## Let there be Light

It's dark, it's damp; Covid is still in the news. Christmas is coming, and thoughts turn to those we've loved and lost. All Saints' Church wants to bring some light into your lives with a church lit by candles offering a place of calm and reflection away from the bustle of life.

To remember a loved one in a special way, you can sponsor a light on the yew tree at the door – £10 per light which includes a name and message. A memory tree in the Lady Chapel is also available. You can simply walk around the church, sit for a while, entrance is free. A donation of at least £2 would be welcome.

# Christmas comes early to Kings Langley – in Autumn!

The village Christmas lights went up early this year – on 21 September! With the working situation uncertain due to the pandemic, it was decided to put them in place while the maintenance team were available. Council workers Sylvester Bujakowski and Theo's nighttime labours were rewarded by free coffees, thoughtfully provided by Saffron Russo and Bella Connor from Oscar's Pizza Company.



High Street shops will be hosting a series of Christmas themed activities, raffles etc. so do pop in and support our local businesses.

Gerry adds 'I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and hope for better times to come in 2021.'

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Memories can bring joy too, so there will be singing:

### • Friday 4 December

At 6.30pm the church choir will sing carols in the church

### • Saturday 5 December

from 6pm the well-known local baritone Thomas Isherwood and friends will sing by the yew tree outside

## Simultaneous switch on for community lights

An idea started by locals Liam Radmore and Bob Best on Facebook group Kings Langley Matters has sparked interest across the village – it is proposed that on Saturday 5 December at 6pm, all the streets in the village turn the Christmas lights outside their houses on.

Because there is no Christmas Lights Festival on the High Street, this is an idea to bring the village together in a socially distanced way – each street can decide on its own celebration to accompany this and everyone in the village can be a part of something.

Community Action Dacorum (CAD) has been organising the Kings Langley switch on event with the parish council for about 20 years, with their online community radio station Radio Dacorum broadcasting it live. They had been wondering how to broadcast a Kings Langley Christmas show this year when they heard about village residents talking about having their own switch on event in their own roads. CAD's Loretta Anderson contacted Bob Best and they agreed to work together on it.

The plan is that several streets will have their own resident DJ who will play music and have a countdown at 6pm for residents to turn on their lights. Many other roads in the village won't have a DJ and may not want to be outside, in which case they can tune in to Radio Dacorum from 4pm for a Kings Langley show with Christmas Music, requests and promotions, and a countdown at 6pm.

There will also be a 'giving page' promoted to raise money for the charities that usually rely on fundraising through their stalls at the High Street event. This means everyone in Kings Langley can be part of the event.

For more information check [Kings Langley Matters](#) on Facebook or listen to Radio Dacorum online at [radiodacorum.org.uk](http://radiodacorum.org.uk)

## Church services for the festive season

### \* Waterside Baptist:

Sunday 20 December

10.30 am David Chapman will speak on *Who stole Christmas?*

There will be no Tuesday evening or Christmas Day Carol Service this year.

Sunday 27 December

10.30 am Phil Griffiths (from Spicer Street, St Albans)

Everyone welcome, but please let them know beforehand.

### \* All Saints:

Sunday 13 December

3.30pm Christingle (ticketed for attendance in person but also live streamed)

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service (video service)

7.30pm Nine Lessons and carol (tickets for attendance and live streamed)

11.30pm Midnight Mass – Readings, music and communion

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Eucharist

At time of going to press congregations won't be able to sing but the choir can. Please see website for more information [bit.ly/KLVNaskl](http://bit.ly/KLVNaskl)

### \* Methodist:

Christmas Day

10.00 am – live broadcast on the Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church Facebook page.

Sunday 27 December

10.00 am Morning worship with Rev Andrew Brazier

### \* Christ Church Baptist:

Details of Christmas services will be posted soon at [christchurchbaptist.co.uk](http://christchurchbaptist.co.uk) and on Facebook [@ChristChurchKL](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchKL),

where Advent Reflection posts can also be read through December.

For more information, contact Sheila Ashman on 07785 516690 or go to [bit.ly/KLVNaskl](http://bit.ly/KLVNaskl)

Sadly there will be no Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints this year – but it will be back in 2021!





# All Saints – a royal history with a changing perspective

All Saints parish church was founded in the second half of the twelfth century, with today's building dating back to the fourteenth and fifteenth century.

The church has strong ties to the royal family, and houses the tomb of the very first Duke of York, Edmund de Langley (1355-1402). In 1877, the tomb was relocated within the church to its current position at the east end of the north aisle, creating a small memorial Royal Chapel, dedicated with a magnificent window provided by Queen Victoria. The royal connections allowed the church to fly the Royal Standard from the tower, celebrating events such as royal birthdays, an ancient privilege that extended until 1935.

Today you can still admire Edmund's tomb – and while you're there, bear in mind that the heraldry on the royal tomb reveals that it was originally designed to hold the body of King Richard II, until he later decided to break with royal tradition and be buried alongside his wife in Westminster Abbey.

'The All Saints we see today is the result of the changing perspectives of past generations' says Father James, Team Vicar of All Saints. 'Through the centuries, the building has been adapted to meet the needs of the time. All Saints church family has a vision for the building to be welcoming and inspiring for Sunday worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and more widely used by the whole community.'

'New initiatives are currently being considered and consulted upon. We'll ask how best to present and arrange the building, making it more accessible and engaging for everyone to celebrate and appreciate the history and spirituality of this special place.'

*Above: Father James with local historian and author Scott Hastie in front of the Royal Tomb*

## Pack a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child

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

Fill the shoebox with toys, games, stationery (more ideas on the leaflets) for a child overseas. Last year nearly 400,000 boxes were collected from the UK and over 10.5 million worldwide.

Be a part of this massive Christmas operation to give a present to someone who, without your box, will probably have nothing for Christmas.

Christ Church Baptist, The Nap will be open to receive shoeboxes on:  
 Mon 9 – Fri 13 Nov: 10.am – 12 noon and 7pm – 9pm. Sat 14 Nov and Mon 16 Nov: 10am – 12 noon.

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Unfortunately, they were unable to keep their league unbeaten run intact, losing 2-1 to a late penalty despite taking an early lead. Penalties have been a feature of the new season with the Kings winning their first round of the FA Cup on penalties against Clacton (4-2) and then exiting on penalties in the next round away at Barking (3-2).

Draws have also been a theme so far; after a fantastic home win over title favourites Nuneaton Borough (3-2) with the match winner scored by Jordan Parkes, KLFC then drew the next four league games, with nearly 500 supporters at each of the two home matches.

With the club settling into the season,

and with excellent Covid safety precautions in place, new supporters are very welcome. Entry to home games is free to NHS staff, season ticket prices have been frozen at last year's prices (maybe a Christmas present idea!) and adult match-day entry is only £10 (£7 concession) with youth admission of £2 now including 17/18 year olds.

Keep up to date with Covid safety precautions, fixtures and all other information on Twitter [@KLFCofficial](https://twitter.com/KLFCofficial) or Facebook [Kings Langley Football Club](https://www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyFootballClub).

*Left: Harry Crawford takes on the Lowestoft Town defence 10 October 2020*

## KLFC finding their feet

Live league football restarted for KLFC in mid-September on a sunny day in Stratford Upon Avon, in front of paying crowds – their current league being the highest level of live football allowed for members of the public.



# What's new in the village...

There have been a few changes in and around the High Street and more are in the pipeline!

Jade has opened the **Beautyfull Beauty Room** in Charter Court just at the bottom of Vicarage Lane behind the butchers and the Lunchbox – she has a team of specialist staff offering a range of beauty treatments. Jade has generously donated a wonderful prize for our Prize Xword this month – see page 11.

**Sweet as a Button** is set to relocate into the premises which used to be occupied by Kinloch's chemist, with **Fred and Ginger Coffee** planning an extension into the space vacated by the sweet shop.

The building that used to house Haverfield Doctor's surgery and Kings Langley Physiotherapy will be redeveloped into a residential property (**Kings Langley Physiotherapy** have already moved to 2 Hempstead Road, at the crossroads with The Nap).

**The Dresser** boutique has changed its name to **Laines** – still under the same owner but the business has been split with the preloved agency side of the

business moving online and retaining the name **The Dresser**, and **Laines** being the name for the High Street store.

The old Langley Upholstery premises is being taken on by a shutter and blinds shop – **The Home Shutter Company**.

## Festive Yarn-Bombers to provide angelic display

After a very successful summer yarn-bombing, adorning the posts and wooden railings with sea-side themed panels, post-cards and paintings, Kings Langley Arts & Crafts group (KLACS) turned their attention to the Christmas season.

What better symbol of this period is the Christmas angel, featuring in many well-known carols, and in the Christmas story. Expect to see our High Street adorned with knitted angels, painted and written handiwork to celebrate Christmas!

KLACS comprises three separate groups, Needles (knitting /crochet), Creative Writing, and Mixed Media,




and all have been working on their display items since September. The installation is planned for 2 December.

The KLACS wonderful knitted Christmas tree which featured in All Saints Christmas Tree Festival last year will be newly decorated with – you've guessed it – miniature knitted angels, and will be sited in St Laura's care home.

More information about KLACS is on Facebook [@KLartsandcraft](#)

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## A Changing World

Earlier this year we all enlarged our vocabulary to include terms such as lockdown, zoom, face-covering, social distancing, and Covid-19. One new concept for the Good Neighbours Association was 'PPE' and Ann Martin is pictured here preparing PPE packs for Good Neighbours' drivers to use when they transport clients to hospital or other appointments.

For many weeks at the beginning of the pandemic Good neighbours' main focus was on arranging for volunteers to do shopping or fetch prescriptions for the many elderly village residents who were isolating; More recently the 'normal' practice of taking patients to appointments has restarted.

The number of volunteer drivers has reduced as the current restrictions preclude some regular volunteers from using their cars, but a welcome grant from Dacorum Borough Council is covering the cost of the PPE required for those drivers who are able to provide help.

Under normal circumstances at this time of year the Good Neighbours Association would be holding their AGM and Open Forum, which used to provide an excellent opportunity for friends to gather over coffee and share ideas for the future.

This year though, while there is a warm invitation to the AGM on 26 November 2.30pm, the choice will be to join by Zoom, or in person at the Community Centre wearing a mask – and bring your own coffee!

The telephone number for Good Neighbours is, as ever, **07790 668672**.

## Brighten Our Noticeboards

You may have noticed the parish noticeboards over the last six months, and if you did it was probably because they were full of activities that had taken place or were almost completely empty. It was all rather sad, and a reminder that Covid-19 has been with us a long time, and may be with us for some little while yet.



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It was whilst looking at these boards, that Jacqueline Beattie had an idea. Why not remove all the old posters and replace them with something more colourful, more cheerful? 'It really was quite depressing,' said Jacqueline, 'not least because many people use the noticeboards rather than social media to find out about local events and activities.'

'It was such a simple idea,' added Councillor Alan Johnson, 'and one which I am delighted to say every other Councillor immediately endorsed.'

Jacqueline put out an invitation and soon received photos, pictures, poems, computer generated graphics and

other artwork. These are the images that you may have seen of late brightening the village noticeboards. 'The response has been wonderful, not just in terms of the volume but also showing how artistic so many of our villagers are,' said Jacqueline.

Do you have something you would like to add to this ongoing 'Outdoor Gallery'? Pictures, paintings, photos, creative writing or prints are all welcome (maximum size A4). The intention is to continue into 2021 to extend the fun, brightness and colour after the Christmas celebrations. Contact Jacqueline on **07765 863309** to find out more or deliver to 23 Great Park.



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## Community choir goes crazy!

Having been close to resuming live rehearsals in September the coronavirus resurgence has returned Community Choir members to Zoom.



However, led by Musical Director Katie Teage and ever ready for a challenge, the choir is planning two further video releases.

The first, already in production, will be a version of Queen's *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* which proved a favourite with live audiences before lockdown. Then, appropriate to the season, the intention is to record an arrangement by Katie of the carol *I Saw Three Ships*.

During the spring lockdown the Choir produced two videos. The first was The Beatles' *Here Comes The Sun*, and that was followed by the sea shanty *Santiana*. Both can be found by searching Kings Langley Community Choir on YouTube.

For more information about the Choir, including membership, visit [www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk](http://www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk)

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## Winning ways

Last issue's Xword winner was Helen Plant, left, who received her prize of a wonderful **Christmas Hamper** kindly donated by **Wayside Farm**. A regular entrant to our competition (this is Helen's second win!) she was delighted with her gift. 'This is really wonderful and all these goodies will certainly be most welcome over Christmas!' she said. Our grateful thanks to Charlie and Barbara at Wayside Farm for their generosity.

## Prize Xword

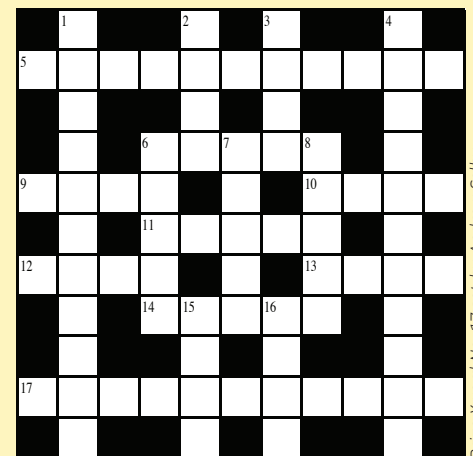
This issue's prize is a **Voucher for a Beauty Treatment of your choice** kindly donated by **BeautyFull**. To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive by Friday 11 December.

### Across

- In some muddle, all yell 'nigh' for this Village road! (7,4)
- At the front of a cortège, this part of a Village cul-de-sac runs off 5 Across (5)
- Another way of saying nothing (4)
- This Village close is named after a very local medieval Duke (4)
- Two roads in our Village have this running through their names (5)
- Name of Village lane found in some clover! (4)
- Metal (4)
- A near echo in words? (5)
- A Village road-name, part in short, named after the family of the wife of the famous medieval resident of the nearby Kings Langley Palace (7,4)

### Down

- This musical instrument is a bit of a wind-up! (6,5)
- Altogether broken for this high pitch! (4)
- Small islands, particularly in the Thames (4)
- Type of soothsayer (11)
- Bodily position in fear (5)
- Back to court for the same crime, following jury's non-verdict (5)
- Eagle's cliff-top nest (5)
- One who continues work of a predecessor (4)
- One who is quiet, gentle, submissive (4)



Prize Xword No. 17 set by Andrew Selby

### Correct Answers to Xword No: 16

**Across:** 5 Red Lion Lane, 6 Flute, 9 Lute, 10 Love, 11 Ahead, 12 Aces, 13 Euro, 14 Tudor, 17 Bunkers Lane  
**Down:** 1 Resourceful, 2 Mill, 3 Knit, 4 Inadvertent, 6 Feast, 7 Upend, 8 Elder, 15 Used, 16 Oast





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

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan website is now up and running at [www.KLNP.co.uk](http://www.KLNP.co.uk) with details of the plan and a downloadable PDF of the latest draft.

It's a big document, and not everyone will want to look through the detail, but village residents are requested to read the Executive Summary which is also on the website, and feedback any comments, contributions or questions via the link.



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