



Village News

Hold the digger!

As readers will know, Dacorum Borough Council have been developing a Local Plan to meet the housing and employment needs in the Borough until 2038.

However, the pandemic has changed the face and appeal of retail, office and commercial premises in town centre locations, so Council leader Andrew Williams announced in February that the potential switch of such premises to residential use would need to be considered.

In April, the council looked at the implications for Hemel Hempstead in managing such changes effectively to ensure that both the resident and business community would benefit. A review is now underway which is

expected to report in the Summer of 2022, meaning the draft Local Plan is facing a major rewrite, with a further round of public consultation after the review is completed.

'This is great news for the people of Kings Langley who have steadfastly opposed the plans for Green Belt development for the last four years', explained Gary Ansell, Chair of Kings Langley and District Residents Association (KL&DRA). 'We have consistently argued that the Council needed to identify and make greater use of brownfield land before considering developing any Green Belt sites. The pandemic has seen our green spaces used and valued more than ever before; we need to ensure the opportunity to continue to enjoy them is not lost.'

KL&DRA will be working with the Neighbourhood Plan team to ensure that planning policy for Kings Langley reflects the wishes of villagers and to challenge any proposals in Three Rivers draft Local Plan that make greater demands on local services, roads and schools this side of the canal.

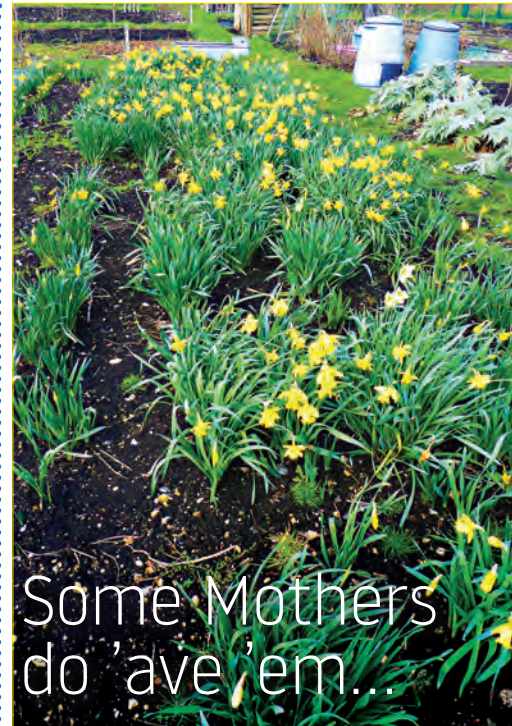
Toast raised to Sharon Bell after 30 years at Friars Mead

Residents and staff of Friars Mead care home were treated to a special afternoon tea in honour of Deputy Manager Sharon Bell to celebrate 30 years of working at the home.



'I have loved every minute of the

last 30 years; There have been many challenges, particularly this past year, but the residents and the staff make it such a welcoming place every day that sometimes it doesn't feel like work at all,' she said. Residents and staff celebrated with a toast to Sharon with glasses of prosecco, and a cake.



Some Mothers do 'ave 'em...

Last year 1st Kings Langley Beavers were able to pick daffodils at the scouts' allotment for their mums on Mother's Day. This year, in lockdown, this just wasn't possible.

Instead, Parish Councillor Alan Johnson was asked to pick the daffodils (yes all of them!) and give them to some worthy recipients. He immediately thought of Friars Mead, Garrard House and St Lauras residential homes.

As the photo shows, the daffodils had flourished and there were four 14-litre buckets filled with daffodils to be picked, and then delivered!

The residential homes were delighted, but as they could not accept visitors '...it was a case of "put the bucket down and step away from the bucket" – but all done with a twinkle in the eye', explained Alan.

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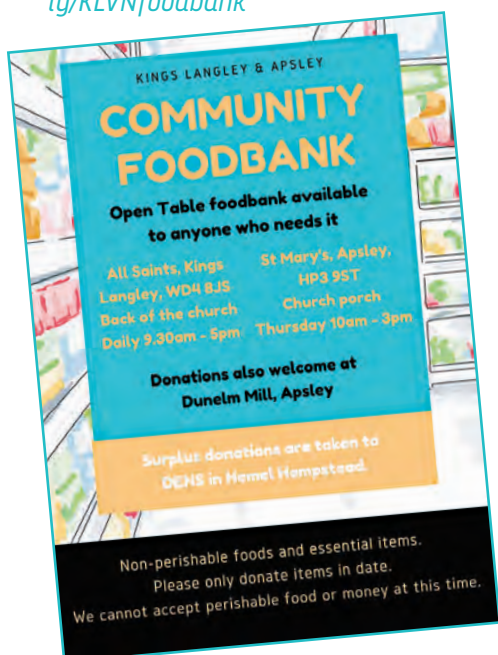
Community foodbank volunteers needed

The community foodbanks that have been established at All Saints Kings Langley and St Mary's Apsley End are managed by a small team of volunteers but, to sustain this vital service in our communities, new volunteers are needed!

The areas in which help is needed are communications and promotion, and stock replenishment at the two churches. The foodbank team needs volunteers to be involved on a regular rota basis to help with these activities, and is also looking for people to be part of the co-ordination group, leading on one or more activities.

If you can help with any of these roles, either on the co-ordination group or as a volunteer, please contact the Vicar of All Saints, Fr. James McDonald 01923 903531 james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk or the Parish Administrator, Norma Howie 01923 266596 saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk

The community foodbank is open to anyone who is in need, of any faith or none, and no vouchers are required. All Saints is open daily 9.30am – 5pm and St Mary's on Thursdays 10am – 3pm. A huge thank you to everyone who has been donating! Donations can be left at either church during their open hours or at Dunelm Mill, Apsley. More information and the current needs list can be found on All Saints' website bit.ly/KLVNfoodbank



Looking for young artists to paint toilet wall!

Ruby Lewis is looking for more young artists to participate in the project to paint a mural on the disused toilet block wall in Green Park.

She is supplying all materials and running some Zoom lessons for the design of the artwork, then when the weather warms up the painting can start! If you are interested, message Ruby via Facebook to get involved.

To donate to help fund the project www.gofundme.com/kings-langley-mural



Friends of the Old Priory

Did you know Kings Langley has the sole remaining building of a 14th century Dominican Priory at the top of Langley Hill?

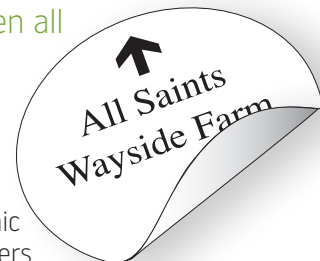
The Friends of the Old Priory want to uncover the hidden history and bring this beautiful old building back to life, with plans for how it can be used productively in the future. They want to get started with a business plan, grant applications, legal work and architectural surveys and are looking for people to join who can help with those!

The government recently announced a new Community Ownership Fund for projects such as this, and they are keen to apply when bidding opens in June.

Ultimately the aim is to buy the building from the present owners and carry out restoration work to ensure its long-term survival. For more information or to join, please email johingleby@gmail.com

News from the Parish Pump

One of the challenges beyond the pandemic that the Parish Council have been looking at is to increase the footfall in the High Street when all the shops have re-opened.



They are working with Dacorum's Economic Development Officers and Herts Tourism to focus, amongst other things, on local tourism and hospitality. On average, £17 million per month was spent by visitors in the borough of Dacorum's local economy in 2019!

The intention is to supply signs for visitors, predominantly from the High Street to locations of interest, to drive footfall for the local shops. The idea of information boards at these places of interest – similar to that at the Village Pound in Common Lane – is also being explored.

To avoid the delay and cost of using physical signposts, the initial idea is to 'roll out' pavement decals (such as those used for Covid-19 social distancing) which could be easily replaced. This will start with a few trial decals directing to Wayside Farm and All Saints' church to determine if it is an idea worth pursuing with signs to other locations.



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Community Centre or off High Street.

Welcome to the new parish warden – Paul Hier

The Parish Council was sad to see Paul Savin retire, but thank him for his hard work and dedication as village warden, including litter picking, planting lovely troughs and beds, and for his supreme efforts helping transform the village garden to the lovely place it is now.

All wish him well and he will be missed – he is looking forward to spending more time on the golf course!

Please welcome our new warden, yet another Paul...

Paul Hier and his wife have lived in various houses in the village for the past 30 years, and their three children attended Kings Langley School. He loves the countryside, wildlife and rural village life, enjoys dog walks around the village, and is interested in history – especially our royal heritage.



New warden Paul Hier settles in at the wheel of the Parish Council's van – look out for him around the village and give him a friendly wave!

currently an NHS Community Responder volunteer in response to the pandemic. A qualified football referee, for many years he has officiated youth football matches at KLFC and around the county, and he keeps fit by running and cycling.

Paul tells us 'I am really excited to become the new village warden and being a familiar, friendly face out and about in the village. I look forward to meeting and engaging with the local community and am very grateful to be given the opportunity of working to help keep the village the lovely place it is.'

Paul mostly worked for the Civil Service in London, before then working for St Johns Ambulance and the British Museum. He has had many voluntary roles with the East of England Ambulance service, the Waterways Experience and the Rotary Club and is

Primary school in hot water

An added complication to the last year's pandemic challenges for Kings Langley Primary School was that the boiler was condemned in September 2019 and it looked like the school would be without heating and hot water.

'The school could have applied for a replacement boiler', explained Chair of Governors Alan Johnson 'but the application process meant there was no guarantee it could be replaced by the following winter.' An approach to County Councillor Richard Roberts resulted in a temporary boiler being made available.

consider a new roof, windows and wall cladding at the school.

Alan added 'We are very grateful to Richard Roberts for sorting out this problem so quickly, particularly since there didn't seem to be a way through the red tape.'

In September 2020 the new boiler installation commenced, with challenges due to covid restrictions and needing to maintain services during the installation. This was further compounded by the workers having their digger stolen from inside the locked school gates – the thieves cheekily used the digger to lift the gates off their hinges and make their getaway!

The project highlighted other issues with the school building, and happily the County Council have agreed to





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Community Library prepares to reopen

Hertfordshire Library Service have started the preparations to enable all Community libraries to reopen. Kings Langley library is having some planned upgrade works completed first, as well as having necessary health and safety precautions put in place to make the building Covid safe.

It is anticipated that visitors will then be able to choose their own books once again, with limited numbers of visitors in the building at any time to ensure you feel comfortable. The library layout will look a little different but the team is looking forward to welcoming you back, with lots of new stock for you to choose from!

Meanwhile the programme of Zoom presentations continues as a way of keeping in touch, and the book donations stall is back selling at the monthly village market. Please drop by!

All are invited to *Travels with Flora* on 26 May at 7.45pm. This is a free event on Zoom, with Flora sharing her experiences of travelling and working abroad over a period of six years. She is a very talented young person who grew up in Kings Langley, and people of all ages will find her talk quite inspirational.

Diary date: 30 June *Alternative Kings Cross*, a lighthearted meander through some of the lesser-known Dickensian back streets to the south of Kings Cross. Chris is a Camden Guide and a member of the Chingford Historical Society, and he will share a mix of historical facts and personal memories from being a bobby on the beat going back fifty years.

The library is always keen to hear from village residents willing to share some stimulating career experiences or interests, either with a display or a talk. Get in touch to discuss what is possible.

Look out for posters on the village notice boards and follow the library or Kings Langley Matters on Facebook for all news and events, or email for more information kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com



Live theatre returns to the Community Centre stage on 19–21 August!

A combined team from several village theatrical groups has been planning to stage a show in a 'Covid safe' environment as soon as permitted.

The plans are now all in place and a talented cast of local performers has been selected to play the roles in the comedy *Stepping Out*. The story is about eight individuals from very different backgrounds who attend a weekly tap-dancing class in a local hall, the teacher and pianist making up the cast of ten. Each individual has their own story to tell – this is play with humour and heart!

Tickets on sale from 17 May. Call 01442 268839 or email harvey572@btinternet.com

The Dance Place misses the Carnival

The Kings Langley Carnival is always an exciting date in The Dance Place diary. Pupils love perfecting a routine and performing to an excited crowd on a busy common.

Memories of bright sunny Saturday afternoons in June, with a troupe of very excited young performers from the Baptist Church Hall in The Nap. The performance at the carnival is the perfect way to kick start a summer afternoon for the pupils and their families, accompanied with fun fair rides, competitions and of course the ice cream van!

Performing at the carnival gives the children a brilliant chance to put into practice all of the hard work they put into their classes throughout the year and is a great way to build courage performing to a live audience ahead of The Dance Place bi-annual shows. This year's show is in October half term which will provide plenty of ideas ready for the Carnival in 2022 (fingers firmly crossed).

Check out www.dianathedanceplace.co.uk for more information on Dance, Singing and Drama classes which have now restarted again after lockdown.

Above: Pupils from The Dance Place photographed during their last performance at the carnival in 2019

Spotlight will soon be filled

As lockdown rules ease Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company (KLMTCC) is making plans to bring live theatre back to the Community Centre, within all appropriate guidelines to ensure the safety and comfort of audience and performers.

A series of Summer Afternoon Workshops, open to anyone who fancies brushing up on singing, dancing or acting, will be announced soon. Previous workshops have covered numbers from *Hairspray*, *Mamma Mia*, *Les Miserables* and more, so watch this space for more information.

And in April 2022, KLMTCC will stage *The Addams Family (the musical)*, for which rehearsals will start on 6 October – new members are always welcome! For more details about getting involved with KLMTCC activities please email anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com

Scout groups celebrate

1st Kings Langley Scout Group are celebrating the return of face-to-face meetings after another lockdown!

It has been a very unusual year, and they have missed outdoor activities together and not being permitted to do any camping. Consequently, giving young people life skills this year has proved especially tough.

With restrictions finally easing, they are now getting back to fun, varied and adventurous activities for each section. 1st Kings Langley has around 125 young people split across Beavers (6–8 years old), Cubs (8–10½ years old) and Scouts (10½–14 years old). Each section meets weekly, aiming to help members get involved in new activities, build confidence, help in the community, and make new friends, all while developing a range of skills for life.

Right: 1st Kings Langley Beavers are in need of Leaders – how about becoming involved yourself?

They rely on a volunteer Leader team to continue to provide these great opportunities for young people and to run the exciting programmes.

If you are looking to get stuck in with something new after a long year indoors, or perhaps you'd like to see what's new since you were in Cubs or Brownies a few decades ago, they would love to hear from you! You don't have to have a passion for maps or a knack for knots, just a little time and lots of enthusiasm! Leaders for the Beaver section are particularly sought.

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Langley c1275

Local historian Michael Long

church, on the footprint of present-day All Saints, has had its eastern part, rebuilt in the years prior to 1275. It dates from the early part of the twelfth century and will be one of the few stone buildings in the village, though it also has substantial wooden elements in its design. Langley was not prosperous enough to have a completely stone-built church.

Walking uphill towards where today's High Street will be **2** there's a run-down building almost opposite the church. This is the original village Manor house, and the de Chenduit family, who had been the Lords of Langley since the 11th century, replaced this original wooden Manor house, most likely thatched, with a more comfortable and easily defensible house at the top of present-day Langley Hill **3**.

A 'newer' Manor House built from stone and timber sometime in the reign of Henry III, perhaps in the

1230s, was sited where the royal palace would be built in the years after 1276. Archaeological excavations in 1964 revealed some of its foundations. The route up the hill then followed the modern pathway **4** adjacent to the Rose & Crown pub because Langley Hill didn't exist in 1275.

Walking now back along the route the present-day High Street will take **5**, look across the fields that stretch north and south along the river valley. Notice that there are no hedges, fences or walls. You can make out in the distance, men, women, and children busy tending crops. Langley has five or six common arable fields divided into strips allocated to the villagers, with a sizeable portion reserved for the Lord of the Manor.

To the north-west, where the land rises quite steeply to 200 feet, there is a common **6** which is held by the Lord of the Manor. The villagers do have 'appurtenant' rights to use it for grazing their animals and collecting timber for repairs and firewood. Langley common would have had fewer trees and more open space than exists today, with rough grazing land unsuitable for putting under the plough due to its gradient.

Look west beyond the common, and you will see what the villagers call 'the waste' **7** – the borderland where the edge of the village meets the forest. The villagers have some similar feudal rights in the waste but not in the forest. If you look closely, you'll see open green spaces within the forest – in those days 'forest' meant heathland, pasture and even marsh. The Plantagenet kings and their Norman predecessors wanted the forest preserved for hunting.



Above: A depiction of medieval hunting by Plantagenet kings; a coin from the time of King Edward I; 13th century image of Queen Eleanor of Castile

Having walked through Langley, your overall impression is that the village is not thriving. It has no annual fair or weekly market, it is not on any main thoroughfare. And worse, the Lord of the Manor, Stephen de Chenduit, is heavily in debt, and thus in 1276, Stephen de Chenduit would pass on control of the manor of Langley to the woman who would breathe new life into the village, Queen Eleanor of Castile, wife of King Edward I. That story must wait for another time.

Michael Long is a freelance writer and historian. He presently teaches a course of the Plantagenets for the Kings Langley branch of the WEA.

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The Grand Old Duke of Devonshire prompted a call to the Coniston Road who owned Osborne House on the coast.

and a secret tunnel that what is now The Drift leads to All Saints Church.

had also heard about this mentioned one entrance in the grounds of the

old Royal Palace There is less clarity about where 'the other end' of this tunnel may have finished, although the favoured suggestion is the church chancel which was reserved for the clergy.

Of course, how the tunnel might have been built is also a matter of conjecture; A favoured method would have been heating rock, suddenly cooling it with water and then breaking off (spalling) the stone. Interestingly, in earlier times when a tunnel was being considered a series of small

exploratory tunnels called *Drifts* were dug to establish the best route.

Perhaps the most intriguing question is why would a tunnel have been constructed? Surprisingly, tunnels feature quite extensively with religious buildings to allow for the free movement of ecclesiastics. They may have had cause to keep a low profile for fear of abusive treatment during periods of unrest or when harvests were poor but tithes still had to be paid.

– Alan Johnson

Ivanhoe Cricket Club returns to the village

After an interval of nearly thirty years Ivanhoe Cricket Club is returning.

Having played at Shendish through the 1980's and 90's, the club has since been based in St Albans before moving to the Royal Veterinary College at Brookmans Park. With the latter now unable to offer its facilities to external organisations, Ivanhoe is once again on the move.

Playing Sunday afternoon friendly cricket through north and north-west Hertfordshire, Ivanhoe's home ground will be at the Steiner School, Langley Hill, courtesy of Kings Langley Cricket Club which maintains the ground for their Saturday third eleven.

Ivanhoe can trace its history to 1916 and the formation of a sports club for boys and girls by the Upper Holloway Baptist Church. Originally called Ivanhoe Athletic the club has embraced cricket, football, tennis, netball and rambling through its history. Only the cricket section continues with a full seasons' fixture lists based on friendly matches.

In 2016 the Club celebrated its Centenary with a match against Cross Arrows on the Lord's Nursery Ground, followed a few weeks later by a dinner in the Long Room with John Emburey (Middlesex and England cricketer) as guest speaker.

More information about Ivanhoe, including fixtures so far confirmed for this summer, can be found on the club's website: www.ivanhoecc.co.uk Anyone interested in playing, contact Lawrence Parnell 07812 974392 lawrenceparnell@btinternet.com



Watford Swim School back to local school facilities

Watford Swim School run one to one and small group swimming lessons from the recently refurbished Abbot's Hill School pool and from a purpose-built swimming pool in Watford.

They have been preparing to re-open in line with the Government's road map.

Hayley Munday who is head teacher and owner said, 'In addition to providing high quality lessons for both children and adults, it is key that my team are fully trained in pool rescue, first aid and health and safety'.

After working for other people to manage and teach 'learn to swim' programmes, Hayley took a leap of faith and built her own pool in 2018. She has gone from strength to strength ever since, with three generations of her family now involved.



Above: staff training in readiness for reopening

People have not been able to visit their local pool or attend swimming lessons during Covid, so Hayley's top tip to get little ones ready for the water again is to use supervised bath time, using a favourite toy to sprinkle water on their head or practice blowing bubbles under the water. Any 'water time' is good time and remember to make it fun!

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Kings Langley FC; 2021-22 season start date announced

Following the decision in late February by the Southern League Committee to curtail the 2020-21 league season, bringing Kings Langley FC's season to a premature end for a second consecutive season, fans have been awaiting an announcement on when the new 2021-22 football season will commence.

The Southern League have announced that the season will start for the Kings on Saturday 14 August. This

means that pre-season matches should start being played around mid-July, with league fixtures expected to be published in late June/early July.

Keep up to date with all the news concerning the Kings including pre-season match announcements, player signings, fixture updates, season ticket prices, plus any other club news on the club's Twitter page [@KLFCofficial](https://twitter.com/KLFCofficial) or Kings Langley Football Club on Facebook. Come and support your village team – live football without VAR!

‘Church in our Community; community in our church’

All Saints Church has started the process of reordering the church building to make it more suited to the life and work of the Church in today’s society.

The project scope includes updating the fixtures, fittings and decoration of the building, which will have a mutual benefit to church members and the local community. ‘The church we see today has hardly ever stood still in its 800+ year history’ Father James McDonald tells us. ‘Our predecessors adapted the building to meet the needs of their time. Very little of what you see, inside or out, would have been visible when it first opened and what you see today is a patchwork of additions and modifications to make the building more suitable for the life and worship of the congregation at that time. We believe that now is the right time for us to do the same.’

Some of the key challenges to be addressed include: making clearer sight lines so one’s view isn’t blocked



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by, for example, the pulpit or screen; making space for children to stay and ‘play’ during services; making seating more suitable for flexible worship, smaller services, and movement around the church; improving access to the building for all; enhancing the display of historic features such as the Edmund de Langley tomb, which is a key reason many visit the church from outside the village; and making the layout more flexible for use by the wider community – concerts, gatherings, groups, lectures.

A Reordering Committee has been formed and further plans will be prepared, with public events for feedback and discussion later this year.

Wall of Remembering at Christ Church Baptist

Many Christ Church Baptist activities have been online and in the background over the past year. Youth and Toddler Groups are back in the building and our Coffee Shop are just some of the opportunities for people to reconnect with one another and the church.

Their focus over the next few months will be on Wholeness; Remembering, Reflecting and Recuperating. Whether you are ready to get back to being busy, need some space to process the last year or rethink the future, they want to offer the space you need. Details of activities and ways to connect will be updated on Facebook (@ChristChurchKL).

You are invited to help create a ‘Wall of Remembering’ on the outside of the Church building as lockdown eases. For example, tying a ribbon or strip of cloth to the trellis and writing the name of someone you want to remember, something you’ve been sad about or missed, or that you are happy about or thankful for despite the pandemic. These will be added to prayers at Sunday Services.



Christian Aid Week; ‘House to House’ collection 10–16 May

The Christian Aid team are delighted to say that the ‘House-to-House’ collection for Christian Aid is happening this year. All volunteers will be fully briefed on health and safety measures to ensure that they, and you, are well protected.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for Christian Aid – in 2019 over £4,000 was generously given. We do understand that some people may be

cautious about meeting people at the door, and it is possible we may not be able to collect in all roads because of volunteer availability. There will therefore be collection points – such as at Langley Butchers, where you can leave your donation envelope.

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Your message in a bottle

We asked you what you were most looking forward to doing when the lockdown eases... here are some of your responses:

Annie Hertler-Smith (aka Ann Martin):
One is to be able to hug and spend time with friends in the flesh. Zoom has been a godsend but I now fully understand the value of true friendships and just being together.

The other is to be part of, as a practitioner and supporter, live theatre returning. So many thousands of, youngsters just starting out, seasoned actors, singers, dancers and also the technical people, front of house, management etc, have not worked for over a year now. Let's hope we really do get our lives back on track this time!

Trisha Kimber:
I would just love to not have to wear a mask, and to be able to hug my friends and family x

Cheryl Hall:
I'm looking forward to being able to

Shake off the lockdown blues

Following the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, the Kings Langley Art and Craft Society (KLACS) will soon be able to meet up again.

The Needles group (knitting, crocheting and sewing) will be meeting back at the Red Lion on Wednesdays, 10am to 12noon. Newcomers are always welcome to join and learn new skills.

During the Winter months KLACS have resorted to online meetings, but were nevertheless able to co-ordinate a festive Easter display in the village. This was centred on the postboxes – a first for KLACS. One post-box had an Easter chick theme, whereas the other was decorated with rabbits (and the odd carrot). The usual notice-board decoration was tied to the railings of St Laura's care home while the notice-board was being repaired.

After a very successful sea-side themed 2020 summer yarnbombing, with a mixture of knitted and painted panels, the idea is being repeated for 2021 with a different theme. This year's



I would like to learn to ride a horse. Not a pony, but a horse.



I would like to go to Legoland



I would like to see my friend Niamh in a house.



I would like to go go karting

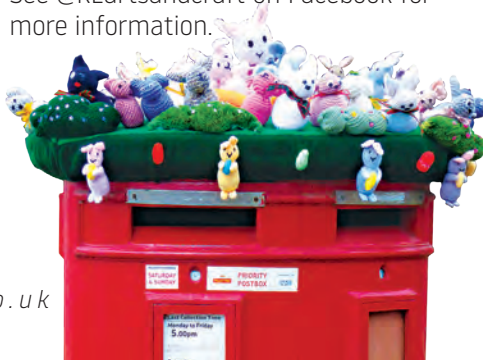
let my daughter have playdates and taking her out and about to enjoy the Summer Holidays.

Village News editor:
Meeting up with family and friends for meals out, singing, playing golf, and going to the theatre.

Above: messages sent in by two of our younger readers Sophie McRae (age 7) and Oliver McRae (age 9)

theme is 'the countryside', giving a wide scope for creativity, including local scenes based on Kings Langley and its environs. It will be installed mid July, and plans are afoot to make it more interactive with a trail for children, with clues to solve and items to find. One of the knitters tells us 'Collaborative work is easier now we are meeting back at the Red Lion, but with just over two months to complete the project I must get back to knitting my thatched cottage, currently looking more like a hay-stack!'

See @KLartsandcraft on Facebook for more information.



Locked Down England

Oh, to be in England,
 Now that lockdowns here.
 No social stuff on Friday night,
 The pubs can't sell you beer.

No little walks just hand in hand,
 No clubbing with your mate.
 No socialising at the bar,
 No dining tête-à-tête.

Don't matter if you're scruffy,
 Or if you dress as 'toff'.
 No chatting to your neighbour,
 (Unless you're six feet off).

The days, they pass in solitude,
 The year is rolling on.
 Week by week the months go by,
 With near eleven gone,

But soon we hope the mood will change,
 This cloud will pass away,
 The sun will start to bless us,
 As we go to work, and play.

And talk again, and socialise,
 And pop out for a meal,
 And get to do those other things,
 That makes our world so real.

But don't forget there's others,
 Who cannot do these things,
 For many, many reasons,
 Some factor clips their wings.

So, spare a thought when times come good,
 And lockdown's lost its touch,
 And think of all the people,
 Who's lives won't change that much.

– BDH 25 Feb 2021

Prize Xword

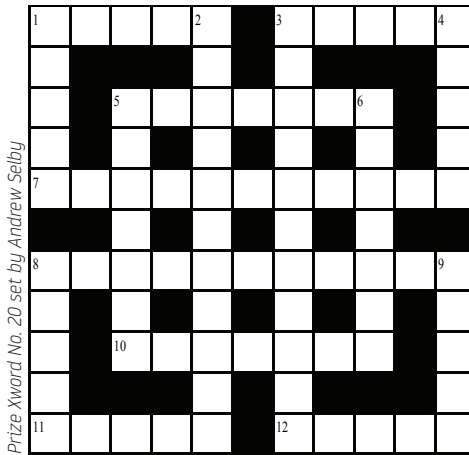
This issue we have a prize of a bottle of Gordons Pink Gin. To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see back page) to arrive no later than Friday 18 June.

Across

- 1 Historic, outdated surviving object of interest (5)
- 3 Hold tightly to (5)
- 5 An attractive bunch of flowers (7)
- 7 Has property of continuing or recurring (11)
- 8 Omit the slang from our Village and park to find this industrial area off Station Road! (7,4)
- 10 With a bit of a stretch, a commonplace item seen on yesteryear's Grand Union Canal (7)
- 11 Sweet substance (5)
- 12 Particular historic period of time (5)

Down

- 1 Summarize and re-state the main points (5)
- 2 Vegetable (11)
- 3 We have a fair amount of this around our Village (11)
- 4 This Village road can be found within the angle bent! (5)
- 5 Member of a British titled order, that is hereditary (7)
- 6 Collective term for the portable shelters on a campsite (7)
- 8 Monarchs (5)
- 9 Two-masted sailing boat seen in a sketchbook (5)



Prize Xword No. 20 set by Andrew Selby

Evergreen club reopening!

Kings Langley Evergreen Club only held two meetings in 2020 before it had to close due to Covid-19, but things are looking hopeful now.

Plans are going ahead to reopen on THURSDAY 24 JUNE! A watchful eye will be kept on relevant Government requirements, but it is hoped that any remaining restrictions won't impact a restart. Plans for entertainment and activities are in hand.

The Evergreen Club is a social club for older people meeting fortnightly on Thursday afternoons at the Community Centre. It is an inclusive club with an emphasis on friendship and fun. If you would like to find out more, please contact Ann Martin 01923 267604.



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Christine Pettit's correct entry to our last Xword was drawn from the hat by our Clerk to the Council. Her prize was three bottles of wine, kindly supplied by Joyce Gray. 'Joyce has a good taste, so I'm looking forward to sharing these with my husband - and friends, too, lockdown permitting. Cheers!'

St Lauras care home on the High Street has a new manager - Eme Cameron (right) - who is evidently a 'breath of fresh air and will be a huge asset to the home'. She has come to St Lauras from The Chadwick (another B&M care home) where she was Assistant Manager, and she has moved to Apsley to be closer to her new work.



Answers to Crossword No: 19

Across: 1 Stevedore, 7 Rook, 8 Acer, 9 Oar, 11 Rayon, 12 Egret, 13 End, 15 Avid, 16 Fair, 17 Alabaster,
Down: 2 Tooveys Mill, 3 Extra, 4 Rectory Lane, 5 Friars Way, 6 Great Park, 9 One, 10 Red, 14 Nyala



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Things to do with the whole family at May half term

Here are some ideas with links to keep you entertained in the local area...

Roald Dahl Museum: it plans to open for guided visits during half term www.roalddahl.com/museum

Grove Farm Pick Your Own: open again in June www.grovefarmpyo.co.uk
Tring Natural History Museum: it plans to reopen 18 May www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html

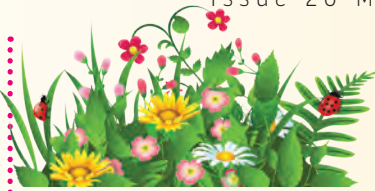
Langley Tennis Club: holiday tennis camps www.langleytennis.com
The XC extreme sports facility: climbing, caving, skateboarding www.thexc.co.uk/visitor-info/
National Trust properties: including Ashridge, Dunstable Downs, Whipsnade Tree Cathedral and Pitstone Windmill www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out

Leavesden Country Park: www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/leavesden-country-park1

Kings Langley Football Club: www.kingslangleyfc.co.uk/news
Cricket Club: www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyCricketClub/

And have you found all these children's playgrounds in and around the village?

- Green Park /The Nap
- Primrose Hill
- Great Park /Meadow Way
- Rucklers Lane
- Bunkers Lane
- South Way, Abbots Langley
- Manor House, Abbots Langley
- Bedmond



Gardens Competition 2021

The Parish Council Gardens Competition this year will be at the end of July (it was cancelled during the pandemic last year).

Closing date for entries is 23 July, and judging is on the weekend of 31 July.

Full details and entry form are online at www.kingslangley-pc.gov.uk or call 01923 261828 for more information

Contacts for your local Village News...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements, and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to kingslangleynews@gmail.com or by post to:

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