



Village News

Just when you thought it was safe...

...the Three Rivers District Council local plan proposes 1,000 new homes on Kings Langley green belt!

'Just after we won the victory of getting Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) to re-consider their local plan, we are now hit with Three Rivers (TRDC) local plan which is far worse than DBC's proposal' said Gary Ansell, Chair of Kings Langley and District Residents Association.

The TRDC local plan has been published for public consultation and includes the following sites for new housing in Kings Langley (shown right):

- A** Woodlands Road (off Hyde Lane) – 62 homes
- B** Egg Farm Lane (off Station Road opposite Roman Gardens) – 893 homes and a primary school
- C** Flower House (opposite the station) – 19 homes

All residents are urged to send a message to TRDC that Kings Langley cannot cope with a 40% increase in the size of the village. Gary added 'Only 77 people from Kings Langley responded to Dacorum's consultation; We need lots more to respond to TRDC... the greater the number of objectors, the more TRDC will pay heed to the strength of local feeling.'

Consultation runs until 20 August 2021 and the consultation portal where you can read the details and make your response can be accessed at bit.ly/klvn-trdc

You can also send representations by email to localplanconsult@threeivers.gov.uk or by post



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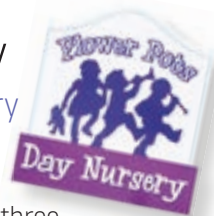
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Village welcomes new nursery

Established since 2006, Flower Pots Day Nursery are excited to be opening the doors to their newest nursery in Kings Langley.



There has been a complete renovation of the whole site, transforming the existing old building into a new modern children's day nursery, where government funding for 3- and 4-year olds is offered.

There are four well-equipped rooms for babies, toddlers, pre-school and older children. Two separate garden areas will also be available.

Empty for the past three years, the building at the Nap crossroads has its origins as a timber framed house in the 17th and 18th centuries. Since its earlier use as a Vicarage until about 1960, it has been extended and adapted extensively.

Flower Pots also have day nurseries in Adeyfield, Apsley, Prestwood, Boxmoor and Chesham.

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Rain rain rain!

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After the wettest May on record, and a mini 'summer' at the start of June, the rain returned for non-stop torrential downpours over three days in just two weeks

In Riverside Close and Sunderlands Yard, the gardens and allotments were under water – the water was flowing thigh high! The Gardens competition could be very different this year.

At the point on the canal by Home Park Mill Link Road, the water was flowing across the towpath and the water level along this part of the canal had reached the brim. A tree had fallen into the river partially blocking it, exacerbating the problem, together with partial blockages further up to the weir at Riverside Close.

Above: already brimming over, the Grand Union Canal received an unseasonal top-up in June.

Evergreen club back up and running

The Evergreen Club for older people living in and around the village is delighted to be back up and running after the enforced closure.

Meetings are held every other Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre in The Nap and free transport can be arranged on request. With different events planned for each meeting the emphasis is on friendship and fun.

If you, or someone you know, would like more information, call Ann Martin 01923 267604.

WI president retires

Retiring WI president Joyce Gray was surprised by her committee and incoming president Nova Horley with bouquets of flowers to thank her for everything she has done over the years to support and ensure that Kings Langley WI continues to flourish.

The new president was voted in at the May Annual Meeting, where Nova thanked the committee for their hard work, and Joyce particularly for her advice and continued support. As a relative newcomer to the village, Nova is looking forward to meeting the members in person when meetings at the Community Centre resume. Although Joyce has stepped down as president she is continuing as a WI Adviser and a member of the Board of Trustees for Hertfordshire WI.

If you are interested in joining the WI, they meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and you will always be assured of a warm welcome and an interesting evening.



We're better off together...

...and haven't we proved this to be true in recent months? Kings Langley Good Neighbours have experienced this over and over again.

As the pandemic struck, volunteers appeared from all over the village and many of them are still driving, shopping, and visiting.

As life adjusts to the 'new normal', there will be more routine calls for medical appointments and DIY jobs, and once the Lunch Club is able to re-start, drivers will be required to fetch and return members.



VE Day at St Laurus care home



On Saturday 8 May St Laurus had a brilliant day celebrating VE Day, with the residents singing along and dancing to the super talented Amy Percival.

Several villagers were also enjoying the performance from a safe distance behind the railings.

St Laurus are also extremely proud to be awarded 9.9 out of 10 by the leading care home review website – Carehome.co.uk – and had some fabulous celebrations.



There's always a need for more volunteers as current ones retire! Look out for the Good Neighbours stand at the Mini-Carnival on 18 September.

The Good Neighbours Helpline number is 07790 668 672.

Carnival 2021 – all systems go for 18 September



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

Above: the Crumbucket Mechanical Dragon proved to be a roaring success at the carnival in 2019

The Kings Langley Carnival is back! After the disappointment of cancelling for the second year this June, the organising committee are pleased to confirm that they will be holding an event on 18 September.



also be the usual favourites on and around the field including the Dog Show, the Tug of War, and 1st Kings Langley and Apsley Scouts demonstrating and teaching bushcraft skills.

'This will be a great chance for local people to get together for one of the highlights of the village year,' explained Committee Chair Carol Chandler. 'We hope to see as many of the regular performers, events and stalls at this year's autumn event as possible.'

An equally big attraction is the vast range of stalls offering everything from games and puzzles to local produce and crafts. 'This is really a great opportunity for local organisations to make a little money and raise awareness of the valuable work or activities they do on the other 364 days of the year,' added Carol. 'Local businesses are also able to promote their wares.'

Local performers already looking forward to the day are firm favourites Kings Langley Senior School; the Community Choir; Salsa Tropicana and the Revelation Majorettes. There will

To get in touch, please email kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com or see Facebook [KingsLangleyCarnival](https://www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyCarnival). To enquire about a stall email stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com

Ups and Downs in the Village Garden

The Parish Council enjoy a good working relationship with Sunnyside Rural Trust, who have provided the plants for the High Street troughs and village flower beds for many years.

When they heard that the gravel footpath in the village garden needed replacing, Sunnyside said they could do it as part of their landscaping service.

So through four seasons of weather(!) the Sunnyside staff and trainees worked tirelessly – with the odd break for an ice cream. 'It was great to see the path gradually levelling out to make it easier for everyone to enjoy the garden' said Councillor Alan Johnson.

Unfortunately, the following week a willow tree had to be removed as the trunk had split from the base meaning the 10metre-long branches were compromised. 'The tree represented a real danger to the public sitting or walking beneath the branches,' added Alan; 'Thankfully Martin Oak and his team answered the call – and protected our lovely rose bushes with the help of three green bins!'

Local plantsman Dave Hunt delivered more flora and shrubs for the garden, part of the annual programme of providing more colour, variety, and ground cover to suppress the weeds. Regrettably the weeds come as a non-optional extra!



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Above: the Village Garden's new gravel footpath and, left, the fallen willow tree being removed



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Primrose Hill playground redevelopment

By the time you read this, the works at Primrose Hill playing fields should have been completed – replacing all the playground equipment at a cost of £120,000.

The new play equipment includes two multi-play climbing frames, rope pyramid, carousels, two play boards, spring rider, swings and a trampoline. There will be new seating, and an upgraded safety surface around the play equipment.

Left: an illustrated guide to the facilities planned for the completed playground refurbishment

Work begins on Farm

The development of the brownfield element of Rectory Farm has begun with the site being fenced and cleared ahead of building starting in July.

‘There were concerns when trees were being removed from the site during nesting season,’ explained Councillor Derek Collins, ‘but it was confirmed that an ecologist had been on site checking all the trees before they were removed. One tree had a nest with residents, all the others were clear.’ All the trees being removed were part of the approved application.

The ‘Kings Gate’ is described as a new community of two, three, four and five-bedroom homes, totalling 55 homes. Prices for the two-bedroomed houses start at £400k rising to £900k for the four-bedroomed houses. There are currently no prices for the five-bedroomed houses. More information on the developer’s website at bit.ly/klvn-rectory



PHOTO: ALAN JOHNSON



Village Foodbank needs your help!

The Community Foodbank serving Kings Langley, Apsley and Bennetts End is currently looking for a voluntary Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator.

Since opening its doors at All Saints in June 2020, the Foodbank has been expanding its reach to meet the needs of local people and families, and is now seeking someone to take the lead in ensuring it can remain available to everyone who needs it.

If you’re good at organising others and building relationships, and looking for a way to give back to the local community, then this could be the role for you. It will include leading a small but committed group of volunteers, being a point of contact for external agencies, establishing and nurturing partnerships, and reporting on the Foodbank’s activity.

The Foodbank is a community-driven project, and welcomes volunteers from

all walks of life, of any faith or none. Father James McDonald, Team Vicar at All Saints, explained ‘As churches we seek to reflect the generous love of God in our communities and the Foodbank is a key part of that. The new Coordinator and Deputy will be leading an exciting community project and ensuring that help reaches those who are in need.’

The Foodbank also welcomes volunteers to help with ‘hands-on’ manning and restocking at All Saints, St Mary’s and St Benedict’s, on a rota system as part of a friendly team.

For an informal discussion about the roles please contact Fr. James on 01923 903531 or james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk, or the Church office on 01923 266596 or saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk

Friars Mead – escape to freedom!

With the restrictions gradually lifting, residents are enjoying visits from immediate family without a screen and some are even allowed ‘out out’ to spend the afternoon in the gardens of their loved ones.

Activities and outings are being planned – including simple drives out in a minibus to remember the local area. Once the final restrictions have been lifted, an ‘after covid party’ is planned, with over £1,200 raised towards this event with residents, families and staff.

Our accommodation has been bugged!

There's a new hotel in the village. No – it's not for humans, but for bugs!

The impressive bug residence at the back of the Village Garden has been built by village warden Paul Hier, using recycled materials including pallets, wood, straw, bricks, pipes, and – interestingly – parts of old gravestones found buried in the bushes.

It's been a labour of love for Paul, who has taken several weeks to build it, taking advantage of spare moments during his working day.

A plea was put on Facebook for bamboo, which Paul has put on the roof to look like thatch. Already the bug house is being occupied by woodlice, spiders, and centipedes. An inquisitive bee has had a good look round and a small mammal has pulled out some pipes from the bottom.

Home sweet home!



PHOTOGRAPHY: BARRY KEMP

MOTO – No No!

Great news! Three Rivers District Council have refused the application by MOTO to build a motorway service area just south of Junction 20 on the M25.

The application had been recommended for refusal by the Planning Officer for several reasons including:

- Inappropriate development within the green belt with no Very Special Circumstances to outweigh the harm.
- It would be a dominant, urbanising and incongruous feature, resulting in harm to the openness and visual amenities of the green belt and to the character and appearance of this part of the Gade Valley.
- No demonstration of mitigation of the adverse impacts of the additional traffic volumes
- Failure to minimise the adverse impacts of car travel because of the limited accessibility by foot, bicycle or other non-car transport.

'This is good news for local people in Kings Langley who have consistently been arguing against this application,' said Parish Council chair Howard Button.

It is anticipated MOTO will appeal the decision to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on the three options for an M25 service area between Cobham and South Mimms. 'We will continue to argue this is the worst of the three options because of the traffic chaos it would cause on local roads and to the lives of villagers.'

Above: The 'bug' on the hotel chimney was found by Paul himself. He was photographed here putting the finishing touches to the bamboo roof and creating a few more spaces for the new occupants of this unique bug hotel

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A lotta bottle at Langley Lodge Farm



Wendy was dropped in at the deep end when she married local farmer Roger Mead in 1966. With no previous experience of farming, she soon found herself helping to run the dairy cattle business which Roger carried on from his father.

It's not a lifestyle we could all take to as readily as Wendy; early morning starts, long days of milking, cleansing the parlour and yard, organising cattle feed and silage, keeping the barns stacked with straw, mixing feed and helping with muck-spreading, meeting reps. and coping with visits from the vet or other farming officials.

The couple initially lived in the old house at Langley Lodge Farm ('very cold and draughty' Wendy remembers)



moving to Wayside Farm for about nine years, 'which was handy for taking the children to school in Church Lane' before returning to their present home as tenants in 1980.

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The council built the dairy parlour, and Roger brought in the automated milking machines. Wendy and Roger farmed between 70 to 120 acres, regularly milking about 80 cows. 'At one stage we were milking a hundred cows, twice a day', says Roger. 'Mad weren't we?'

In the early days, the milk was taken via a 'cluster' into buckets.

Right: Roger at work on the early milking shift in 2011. The milk was automatically pumped into individual measuring jars, then along a pipeline to a refrigerated tank



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Left: Wendy and Roger Mead enjoy a more relaxed retirement. They're photographed here with their modern work-horse tractor and, inset, as they were back in the 60's with their trusty David Brown model.



'Running the farm was hard work back then, but we thought nothing of it – we just took it in our stride,' says Roger

Langley Lodge used to be one of about ten farms producing milk locally but gradually this number reduced until they were one of only a handful of surviving dairy farms in the area.

However, the selling price for milk never really kept up with outgoings. 'You could only make it pay by producing more milk, which meant buying more cows, which needed more land. You could make a living but never get rich,' Roger declares.

In 2013 Roger's ill health led to Chris Burrows being brought in as manager and milk production continued for a while. However, when Arla, initially a friendly English business, were taken over and expanded by an international concern, milk production from smaller farms became of less interest to them.

Now in retirement, Wendy and Roger keep just ten cows on a much reduced acreage with their calves sold to pay the rent. Chris tends them, part-time.

'Our cows no longer produce milk so they've eventually got to go – but it's plucking up the courage to part with them,' laughs Wendy.

Later on it was piped into the dairy and eventually straight into a bulk tank ready for collection by the Milk Marketing Board and later by Arla.

Together they ran Langley Lodge Farm until Roger's semi-retirement in 2013. 'We must have supplied over 16 million litres of milk in our time,' chuckles Wendy.

'We've carried on through all weathers' Roger recalls. 'In late December '62 until April '63 it was so bad we could only get up and down the lane by tractor. We would take it in turns with other farmers to gather the churns and take them to the bottom of the lane for collection'.

Stacking bales, loading and unloading trailers was physically demanding manual labour – it's since become all automated.

Top: Roger pictured on the combine harvester he bought at auction in Tring back in 1964 His very first time behind the wheel was driving it all the way to Kings Langley – at six miles per hour!

In the early days, the harvested corn had to be bagged by hand and manhandled onto a trailer for transporting to the barn. But then Roger converted the combine into a tanker so it discharged straight into a trailer.

Above: Langley Lodge Farm as it was in the early 1960's, painted by Wendy herself from an aerial photograph




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Kings Langley FC changes league as club legend leaves

After two seasons in the Southern Premier Central League, it has been agreed that Kings Langley FC will return to Southern Premier League South.

This will make a huge difference to club travelling costs, as well as giving fans the opportunity of local derby matches against Chesham, and the return of the now infamous Kings Langley and Hayes & Yeading fixture – last met in April 2017 when KLFC won 2-0 away in a winner takes all relegation match.

The new league season will start on Saturday 14 August, before which there are six pre-season friendlies planned - with three home matches against St Albans City (17/7), Slough Town (20/7) and Borehamwood (31/7). The St Albans match will give fans the opportunity to welcome back two club legends as the opposition should include ex-striker Mitchell Weiss, and – recently departed after 350 KLFC appearances – Callum Adebisi.

You can keep up to date with all the news on Twitter [@KLFCofficial](#) or Facebook [Kings Langley Football Club](#). Come along and support the KINGS, live football without VAR!



The Marlowes, The Red Lion, The Unicorn Pub and Grosvenor Wealth Management all took part...

Fundraising fun for DENS

DENS invited the people of Dacorum to join in with 'Go Yellow for DENS' week between 21 and 27 June, to get creative and have fun, while raising awareness of the charity and the vital services it provides to those most vulnerable.

Local residents, businesses, venues, schools and community groups were encouraged to take part in the campaign by pledging to do 'something yellow' during the week and making a donation of at least £1 to DENS.

The funds raised will help towards families and individuals across Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion to take the next positive step in their lives.

There was a tremendous response the



campaign, with lots of local businesses, venues and groups taking part in fun and unique ways!

Sterling Accounting Solutions, an official DENS Business Partner based in Kings Langley decorated their office yellow, wore DENS t-shirts and had yellow-themed parties (with yellow snacks and drinks) throughout the week.

Marlowes shopping centre chose DENS as their Charity of the Year. They supported Go Yellow Week by decorating the mall with yellow bunting and DENS branded artwork, displaying Go Yellow adverts on their electronic displays as well as social media coverage.

The Unicorn Pub in Abbots Langley decorated the venue yellow for the week with staff wearing yellow t-shirts. They asked for donations from customers, and their Sunday League football team, Unicorn FC, also chose DENS as their shirt sponsor for the coming season.

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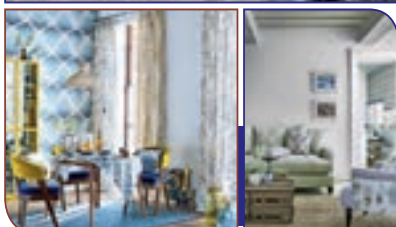


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Celebrate life events at All Saints

Now that restrictions are beginning to lift, All Saints is looking forward to welcoming people back to celebrate life's big events.



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Fr. James McDonald, Team Vicar, said 'All Saints has been here for over 800 years welcoming the community to mark significant events in people's lives. It's a place of prayer, hope and blessing, the perfect setting for these moments, whether you're celebrating or saying goodbye. Why not get in touch with us? We would love to hear from you to discuss your special service.'

Everyone who lives in the parish of All Saints, or with a connection to All Saints, can have their child christened or hold a funeral for a loved one in the church. Weddings are a little more complicated, but most people can get married at All Saints if they live in the parish or have one of several 'qualifying connections' – such as having lived here for six months or having been christened here.

If you don't have a qualifying connection already, you can establish one by attending worship once a month for six months. Fr. James said 'The main thing to remember is that you don't have to be a regular church goer to be able to come to celebrate your life events. All Saints is your church and you are welcome!'

If you would like to enquire about christenings, weddings, funerals or memorial services at All Saints, contact Fr. James on **01923 903531** or james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk or the Church office **01923 266596** or saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk



Second 100th birthday for 2021 at Friars Mead

Friars Mead care home was in a festive mood last week as they celebrated the 100th birthday of resident Iris Telling.

Iris was born and lived most of her life in Berkhamsted, was married in 1940 and had three children. After working in office jobs and retail, Iris took up a voluntary position at the local Sue Ryder shop, where she gave her time for 16 years.

Friars Mead hosted a socially distanced garden party in Iris's honour, with her two sons and her brother able to meet her for the first time in over a year. A three-layered cake was provided by Waitrose, and fellow residents watched on from the comfort of their lounge. Family members were welcomed in 'visitor pods' on the day and earlier in the week - with seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, she had a lot of catching up to do!

Library getting ready to welcome Wild World Heroes

The Library Summer Reading Challenge runs from 10 July until early September, and volunteers have been busy unpacking boxes of new books for the children's library so call in and have a look at all the new stock!

For families who have not taken part in the challenge before, this annual event gets three quarters of a million children aged three upwards into libraries to keep up their reading skills, enjoyment, and confidence with books over the long summer holidays. This year's theme 'Wild World Heroes' is a celebration of reading for pleasure that will inspire children to take an interest in the future of the planet.

Visit the library to join up to the scheme, there are free resources as well as downloadable activity sheets to keep your children busy. Volunteers are looking forward to listening to the reviews of the books your children have read. Rewards and a certificate are given to all children who complete the challenge by reading six books of their choice from the library.

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News from the Parish Pump

The warmer weather saw the start of the Great British Spring Clean, with the Parish Council doing their bit on the last Sunday of the month 'pick' around the litter hotspots in the village.

'Discarded disposable face masks have become a familiar and unhealthy sight around the village,' said Councillor Derek Collins. 'Hopefully an accidental and temporary phenomenon.' The community litter picks will continue at 10am on the last Sunday of the month until November.

1st Kings Langley Beavers (*above*) borrowed some litter grabbers from the parish offices – as anyone can do – and trawled the High Street, Green Park and The Nap car park picking litter as they went. 'We want to ensure our youngsters have a sense of responsibility for the place they live, in a safe and enjoyable environment,' explained Mary Pilides, group leader.

Are we on the move to a new constituency?

The Boundary Commission for England are proposing changes to some existing Parliamentary boundaries which would affect our village as part of a proposal to split the existing South West Herts constituency into two new ones.

The new southern 'Three Rivers' constituency would include the Three Rivers part of the current South West Herts constituency, some additional parts of Watford and St Albans, and Kings Langley.

The northern half, including Berkhamsted, Harpenden, Tring and villages to the north of Hemel, would form a new constituency of Harpenden and Berkhamsted. Bovingdon would be added to the Hemel Hempstead constituency. Kings Langley would not be part of Three Rivers District Council, but would remain part of Dacorum Borough Council.

'Everyone we met was very impressed how conscientious and well-behaved the children were.'

The initial wet spring weather also saw the familiar problem of grass verges being damaged by cars parking. The problem has been particularly acute opposite the football club despite 100 car parking spaces being available in the ground. The Parish Council has two choices – allow the verge parking to continue and try to mitigate the damage, or try to prevent it which might just move the problem elsewhere. Ideally some grass verges could be turned over to wildflowers, but any action to physically prevent parking would need the agreement of the Borough and County Council. Watch that space.

Finally, congratulations to Ian Sinclair who is the newly elected parish councillor in South Ward following the recent by-election.

The proposal is out for consultation until 2 August 2021, and any changes agreed would not, in any case, take place until after the next general election.

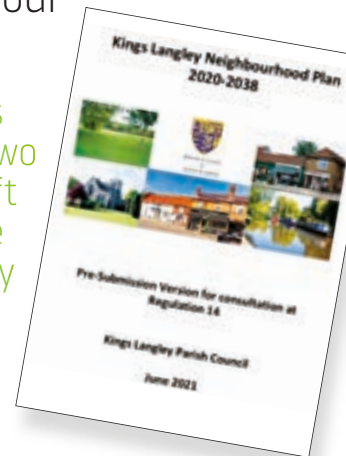
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Neighbourhood Plan ready for your feedback

The Plan has taken over two years to draft following the Parish Survey in 2019, but it has finally been completed... well almost!



Behind the scenes a working group led by Councillor John Morrish have been putting together a complex and comprehensive document detailing almost every parameter around future development in Kings Langley parish. Now it's your turn to have your say!

You can review it online at www.klnp.co.uk, and every resident over the age of sixteen is invited to do so and give your comments.

John Morrish commented 'We know there is great interest in future development in Kings Langley because we had more than 1,100 replies to the survey and over 500 residents asked to be kept informed about future proposals.'

The statutory consultation period is open for six weeks until the end of July, after which a Parish Referendum is planned later this year to decide whether to adopt the Plan as a legally binding document.

'I really hope people will engage with this consultation as it will help protect Kings Langley in so many ways for the next two decades', John added.

Hard copies of the Plan will be available at the Parish Council Offices and the Library, and a Zoom Q&A session is planned in July. Check for updates at www.klnp.co.uk

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Hempstead Road school crossing patrol a possibility

After significant lobbying from local parents and the parish council, Herts County Council have completed criteria checks for a possible School Crossing Patrol on Hempstead Road near to Rectory Lane and have confirmed that it will be able to go ahead.

Although this is great news, there are several steps which need to be taken before the crossing becomes a reality – including installing dropped kerbs with tactile paving, adjusting the green verge on one side of the road, and installing signage and amber flashing lights on the approaches. These will be carried out by the Highways department and will need to be scheduled in, and it is not confirmed whether the work would be done this year or next. After these changes have been made, a Patrol Person will need to be recruited. Could it be you?

Can you help the Library?

The Community Library is looking for volunteers to join their team.

Are you community spirited? Do you want to make a difference? Are you sociable and like meeting people? Have time to spare – time on your hands? Can you spare a few hours a week?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then the library needs you! There's a variety of jobs with no experience needed. To find out more contact Caroline Brankin at Kings Langley Community Library, or email kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com

Prize Xword

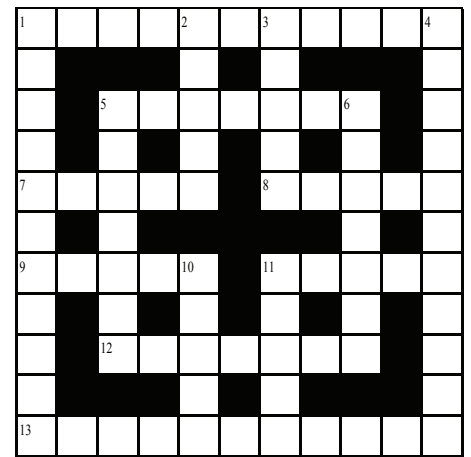
In each issue of your Village News we offer a prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat. This issue we have a prize of a meal for two with a bottle of wine at the Saracen's Head! To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see back page) to arrive no later than Friday 20 August. Good luck!

Across

- 1 Reorganise this unnamed flat to find a primary principle! (11)
- 5 Set free (7)
- 7 Give or bequeath an income or property (5)
- 8 Live at a place (5)
- 9 Person employed to make public announcements in the streets, or in a court of justice (5)
- 11 Herbaceous plant with a yellow flower of the aster family (5)
- 12 A sum far below the real value or cost (7)
- 13 Rearrange a polite annex for an increase that becomes more and more rapid! (11)

Down

- 1 A Village cul-de-sac named after a well-known family of doctors (late 19th and early 20th Century) whose surgery was in 'Little Hayes'. (6,5)
- 2 Admit as acceptable (5)
- 3 Type of a spiral-horned African antelope, surprisingly found in part of England? (5)
- 4 Village road found enmeshed in a yelling hall! (7,4)
- 5 One of our Village's public houses (3,4)
- 6 Ever lasting (7)
- 10 Village road name, 1st part named after very early settlers who lived nearby (5)
- 11 Type of joint in carpentry (5)



Prize Xword No. 21 set by Andrew Selby



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In the pink!

The Xword winner from our last issue is Barbara Hatch, who was happy to receive a bottle of Gordons Pink Gin. 'The perfect prize for a summer evening, sitting in the garden', she said. Down the hatch, Barbara!

Answers to Crossword No: 20

Across: 1 Relic, 3 Cling, 5 Bouquet, 7 Persistence, 8 Kingley Park, 10 Towline, 11 Sugar, 12 Epoch,
Down: 1 Recap, 2 Cauliflower, 3 Countryside, 4 Glebe, 5 Baronet, 6 Tentage, 8 Kings, 9 Ketch



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The Glory of the Village by 'Rudyard Kipling'

Kings Langley is a village that is full of princely views, Of viaducts, roads and bypasses, and lanes and traffic queues, With people on the pavements and pelicans turning red, But the glory of the village lies in more than words have said.

And there you'll see the warden, contractors and council men Mow the lawns as they are bid and go on tidying again. For, unless carbon is cut down and we recycle surplus goods The glory of the village it won't survive the floods.

Our Kings is a village, and such villages are not defined By building on Green Belt sites and ignoring petitions signed. While Residents band together to curb development plans, Are we just sitting back and of it washing our hands?

Then play your part with carefulness and watch for hidden threats To rural life and open fields and all those badger setts! And when your mind starts aching from guarding against the pillage, You'll find yourself a partner in the glory of the village.

Oh, Alan was a councillor, and those who vote may hark it, That plenty a councillor's duty is done at the Transition Market. So when you've bought your croissant, you can ask him, come what may, That the glory of the village it shall not fade away! And the glory of the village it shall never fade away!

By John Chipperfield – adapted from *The Glory of the Garden* by Rudyard Kipling



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Walking in Hertfordshire's Covid-safe Health Walks

Walking in Hertfordshire have relaunched their Covid-19 Safe Health Walks. Information on all the organised walks, guidelines, and obligatory booking details are available online at bit.ly/klvn-walk or by phone 01992 555888

Kings Langley, WD4 9HS <i>Car park by Cricket Pavilion, Vicarage Lane.</i>	Alternate Tuesdays 10am	July 6, 20 Aug 3, 17, 31	GRADE 2
Kings Langley, WD4 9HL <i>The Common, Love Lane, against Parish Council Notice Board.</i>	Alternate Tuesdays 10am	July 6, 20 Aug 3, 17, 31	GRADE 3
Kings Langley, WD48ET <i>Playing Field by KL Bowls Club.</i>	Alternate Wednesdays 10am	July 14, 28 Aug 11, 25	GRADE 3
Kings Langley, WD4 8ET <i>At side of Library, Fisher Close, off The Nap, (No parking in Fisher Close).</i>	Alternate Wednesdays 10am	July 14, 28 Aug 11, 25	GRADE 2
Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9QW <i>Canal side of Sainsburys' entrance.</i>	Alternate Fridays 10am	July 16, 30 Aug 13, 27	GRADE 3
Apsley, HP3 9RW <i>Meet at public car park, Durrants Hill Road off A4251 (parking fees may apply).</i>	Sunday 2pm	Aug 22	GRADE 3-4

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