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Human sundial completed!

'The best things come to those who wait,' explained Parish Councillor Alan Johnson. 'but sometimes it can seem like a long wait!'

Five years ago Gerard Sheldon suggested installing a human sundial on the Common, explaining that it could provide educational activities for local schools, be used for stargazing, and also provide a bit of fun telling the time.

got in touch wanting to do something for the village. They agreed to install the sundial base, which had been the financial stumbling block for the project. Then along came pandemic, which has obviously delayed the whole process.

Gerard contacted David Brown who has been designing and installing sundials for over 30 years, including human (analemmatic) sundials such as the one at the Olympic Park in London. Funding was offered from the Parish, County Councillor Richard Roberts, and Kings Langley Carnival, but unfortunately that wasn't enough.



However, everyone has remained committed to the project, with Osborne team leader Hugo Alvarez offering further practical support to ensure work on the sundial was completed. The official 'opening' will be at the Carnival at noon on 18 September!

Above: The time of their lives - Ava Tongue, Oliver and Sophie McRae (with Fudge the dog) enjoy exploring the new sundial on the Common.

Then construction company Osborne, who are working on the M25 viaduct,



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David and Jen Brown helped to cut the bricks during construction.

Roll up! Roll up! The Carnival is in town!

With just a few days to go until the Carnival on Saturday 18 September (12noon - 4.30pm on the Common), it looks like it will be business as usual despite being three months late.

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Gardens Competition

The Gardens Competition returned in 2021 after floods put paid to it in 2020.

There were 20 entries which were judged on 31 July. There will be a presentation of prizes in October (when best overall garden will be announced).

Best Newcomer:

Michael Sands

Best Wildlife Garden:

Joint 1st place:

Pam Litton/Janet Taylor

Best Small Front Garden:

Gill and Alan Busby

Best Front Garden:

Wendy and Wayne Rycraft

Best Water Feature:

Edward Fry

Best Small Back Garden:

Jill Hunt

Best Rural Garden:

Maureen Featherstone-Brown

Best Back Garden: (pictured above)

Peter McDonnell

Best Canalside Garden:

Patricia Hill

Best Large Back Garden:

Jo and Rob Kedgley

Allotment Society:

Special award due to flooding

Best Overall Small Garden:

Allen Bentley

Best Vegetable Garden:

Margaret and Ivan Carter

Best Contemporary Garden:

Marina Cox

Best Commercial Premises:

Rock View Guest House

Best Front and Back Garden:

Dianne of Team Rob

Best Licensed Premises:

Joint 1st place:

The Services Club/The Red Lion

Best Hanging Baskets, Tubs & Troughs:

Eddie and Elise Davies

Best Outstanding Feature:

Irena and Leslie Tomkins

Highly Commended:

Margaret Beamon/Macer Bentley

John North and Freda Marshall RIP

On 21 August, a memorial service and bench dedication was held for John North and Freda Marshall, both life-long residents of Rucklers Lane.

The service was held at Rucklers Lane's new bench, dedicated to them both, sited next to the home that Freda lived in and looking towards John's house. It was led by Fr. James McDonald, Vicar of All Saints, and over 40 family, friends and neighbours attended. Personal tributes were shared by John Morrish, Gerry Angiolini, and Samidha. The poem *The Glory of the Garden* was recited – both John and Freda were long time participants in the village Gardens Competition.



Above: Freda's daughters, Jacqui Harris and Karen Mead with brother Grahame Marshall. Right: John North's brother, David, who still lives in the family home where they were both born.



Reordering All Saints: an exhibition

All Saints is embarking on a project to update the decoration, fixtures and fittings of the church building – it has existed for over 800 years but regularly throughout that time work has been completed to improve and modernise the building and meet the needs of the time.

Proposed changes include making a better 'welcome' with a new accessible path to the church without steps, a level porch, improved entrance with new glazed doors and a larger welcome area, and redecoration throughout the church; Improving the church for 'worship' replacing the pews and choir stalls with flexible seating and new flooring, a moveable altar for flexible worship, relocating the pulpit and font, and creation of prayer spaces and space for children; making a flexible space for wider 'community' use, enhancing the historically significant tombs and presenting a unique story for visitors.



The project will be funded with a mixture of existing funds and by accessing grants from trusts and foundations specifically set up to support this type of project.

To find out more about the plans and provide feedback, all are invited to a week-long exhibition of the proposals in All Saints from 25 September.

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:

The Editor, Kings Langley Village News, c/o Kings Langley Parish Council Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley, WD4 9HR

The next issue of *Village News* will be published for November/December – copy and advertising deadline is Friday 22 October.

The Hospice of St Francis – Ambassador Speakers

It might not be what you think! Invite a Hospice Ambassador to speak at your next meeting or service and learn about the rich history of The Hospice of St Francis and the innovative, creative ways they help over 2,000 local people and their families to live their lives well every year.

They believe every life is precious and care focuses on improving symptoms, achieving personal goals and providing safety and reassurance.

Defined by each person's need, the free care for people managing, or recovering from, serious illness has many forms. There is care at the Hospice, at home, or in the health and wellbeing hub The Spring Centre, which offers courses, workshops and complementary therapies.

Based in beautiful surroundings just outside Berkhamsted, the hospice is also there for family, friends and carers. They offer advice for those worried about a loved one, which could mean recommending group activities, supporting children through a close relative's illness or providing practical support and advice when someone special is no longer here.

The Hospice team love what they do, and would welcome the opportunity to speak to local groups about the work of the Hospice. Trained volunteer Ambassadors can give informal, insightful talks ranging from 5 – 40minutes, so get in touch on fundraising@stfrancis.org.uk if you're planning your speaker schedule for 2021/22.



Andrea's online video offers us a glimpse of Kings Langley's pubs past and present. Can you put names to some of the pubs shown above and identify where they are located (or used to be)?

Local resident and Masters in Public History student Andrea Bartlett has created a series of videos showcasing fascinating stories about the past which happened right here in the village.

For the final part of the Masters, students are tasked with creating a public history project and Andrea decided to do that on the history of Kings Langley with videos and wider information, focused around the four remaining pubs. She tells us it has been fascinating!

Did you know that the top of Langley Hill was the Windsor Castle of its day? And that there were 14 pubs in the village at the turn of the 20th Century? Using archive material from Kings Langley Local History & Museum Society and contemporary footage, Andrea says that it has been an absolute pleasure to delve deep into the history of this most green and pleasant place to live.

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West Herts Hockey Club celebrates centenary

West Herts Hockey Club ('The Stags') was inaugurated in 1921 with two men's teams, the women section starting in 1988.

Having now expanded to have six men's and five women's teams, the Club has also developed a strong junior section, Masters hockey and indoor teams. They offer hockey to all ages and abilities, including those outside the Club through Back 2 Hockey and Corporate 5s, which is open to local businesses. The clubhouse overlooking the pitch offers an ideal place to socialise after games, support other teams and welcome new members.

Club President and Chipperfield resident, Amanda Ruggles said 'The last 18 months has been a challenging time for everyone, so we can't wait until when we can socialise and celebrate together. It's not only the physical benefits of hockey that matter, but also the social aspects arising from being such a friendly club.

'We have various events planned on and off the pitch for the coming season, culminating in our Centenary Dinner next May. The Centenary has been a great chance to reconnect with former players and share old photos and memories. The dinner will be a perfect occasion to bring together past and present club members.'

For further information see westhertshockeyclub.co.uk



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Jazz club re-opens with full programme

Dave Smith's Jazz Club, held in Kings Langley Services Club each Tuesday, were swinging into 2020, their 33rd year, with a wide range of live bands signed up to play at the venue, when the news came from the government that they would have to close due to the pandemic.

In August 2021, Jazz at the club has re-opened to rapidly growing success, able to offer excellent entertainment with bands from all over the South of England once again. Musical Director John Davies capitalised on his contacts, and the uncertainty of the market, and confidently followed up the bookings made for the earlier planned schedule with great success.

Now Kings Langley Jazz Club have 50 terrific band performances to look forward to in the year to come. A considerable variety includes both big, (18+ piece) 40's - 60's swing bands, medium combos and small quartets. Most are with singers, some well-known. There are also Trad Jazz Bands, Dixieland, Modern Jazz, Mainstream, and easy listening Latin Rhythm bands, so look out

for monthly posters or see online kingslangleyjazz.co.uk for details.

Visitors are welcome and simply sign in at the bar – arrive early for a table on big band nights. So, villagers, you are now able to sample arguably the best jazz entertainment between here and Ronnie Scotts in London, and it's free too.



The Hertswing Big Band will be back in September

Kings Langley FC have difficult start to the season

KLFC have endured a tough set of close defeats on their return to the Southern Premier League South.

Pre-season started with personnel changes – Stevie Ward and Dean Hitchcock left after more than a combined 460 club matches, and Watford legend Lloyd Doyley moved to Borehamwood as Assistant Manager. Incoming are vastly experienced Jake Howells (Luton Town and Hemel Hempstead), the return of Jacob Cook who made over 40 appearances for KLFC before playing for Hemel and Billericay, and the loan signing of highly rated Watford youth keeper Alfie Marriott.

The team had a mixed set of pre-season results with defeats to St Albans, Slough

Town, Berkhamsted, and a 0-5 defeat to National League team Borehamwood. However they did beat Northwood and had a fantastic 4-2 win over a young Watford team featuring Andre Gray.

Unfortunately, KLFC have faced the start of the league season with a long injury list after pre-season incidents, but have battled hard and have been beaten by just a single goal in both opening matches. Hopefully the injury situation will improve and with that the club's results.

Forthcoming home matches will be against **Romford** in the FA Cup (4/9), **Salisbury** (11/9), **Poole Town** (25/9), **Walton Casuals** (28/9) and **Taunton Town** (9/10).

There will also be a big away game against **Hayes and Yeading** (14/9) – a now infamous fixture against a team managed by ex-KLFC managers Paul Hughes and Ritchie Hanlon.

Keep up to date with club news on Twitter [@KLFCofficial](https://twitter.com/KLFCofficial) or Facebook [Kings Langley Football Club](https://www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyFootballClub).



Award for village barber

In June, the *Watford Observer* went on the search for the *Barber of the Year* as nominated and voted for by their readers.

Kings Langley Barber Shop had a lovely surprise at the beginning of August with a certificate and a giant banner proclaiming that they had been runners up in the competition! They are very grateful for this boost to morale after the last year.

Above: Owner Clare Smith shows off the banner outside her premises



Musical Theatre is back on stage!

On a drab Sunday afternoon in July, 17 adults and seven youngsters gathered at the Community Centre for a *Mamma Mia* workshop.

They sang and danced their way through *Mamma Mia*, *Take A Chance On Me* and *Dancing Queen* finishing with a Zorba style dance around the hall!

Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company is holding further Summer Workshops run by choreographer Annie Hertler-Smith and musical director Clive Swan. On Saturday 25 September the workshop will focus on *Mack and Mabel* – the musical which tells the story of the lives of Mack Sennett of Keystone Cops fame and Mabel Normand the silent movie star. On Sunday 3 October it's a *Chicago* dance workshop focusing on the opening number *All That Jazz* and the glitzy *Razzle Dazzle*. Email klmtc@outlook.com for details of how to join in the fun!

Samaira wins BAFTA Young Presenter award

15 year old Kings Langley School pupil Samaira Iqbal (pictured below) has won the BAFTA Young Presenter competition.

For her winning entry – which can be viewed at www.baftakids.org – Samaira used sign language to interview her sister. She now has the opportunity to present with BAFTA Kids for the next year as well as feature on popular Sky Kids' news show *FYI*.

From a young age, Samaira has dreamed of becoming a TV presenter. She comes from a British-Asian deaf family and grew up multi-lingual – speaking English, Punjabi and British Sign Language, and learning French at school.

As a surprise, BAFTA arranged for Samaira to interview her football hero Jesse Lingard and she taught him how to sign his name. Visit BAFTA's Kids and Teens YouTube channel to watch in full.



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Bike journey from the heart

Five years ago village resident Dean Jacobs, then aged 45, had a heart attack at home.

On the way to Watford A&E in the ambulance he had another and was taken straight to Harefield where he had a stent fitted and was told he would need a bypass operation as soon as possible due to blocked arteries caused by a genetic disorder called Familial Hypercholesterolemia (see www.bit.ly/klvn-FH).

He was given the 'all clear' to travel to Mauritius a month later to get married, and the bypass operation was scheduled for a month after that! Everything went smoothly and Dean started on the road to recovery and rehab.



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with a very similar experience who'd run a marathon just two years later... a comment that kick-started Dean's cycling obsession.

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Asking the medical staff what he would be capable of going forward (being aware that his father never fully recovered from his similar heart issues) they told him about a patient

Over the following months he started to walk increasing distances, feeling good. Then his sister suggested the London to Brighton bike ride to raise money for the British Heart Foundation (BHF). Training for – and completing it – on a borrowed bike, he loved the experience and a few months later bought his own road bike. Starting to ride further and further, Dean signed up for a 100km sportive and considered a multi-day bike ride for charity. He chose London to Paris (500km over four days)

Painting the town

In 2019 local artist Ruby Lewis pitched an idea to Dacorum Borough Council and Herts County Council to paint a mural on the disused toilets in Dronken Lane (next to the Bowls Club).

It was intended to be a substantial project which would involve local schools and community for Hertfordshire's Year of Culture in 2020.

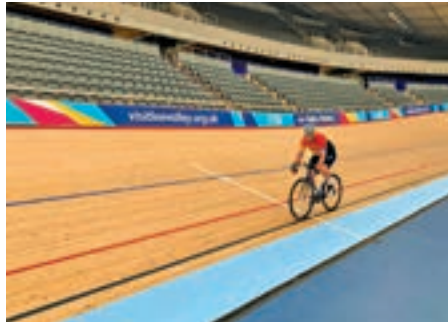
work with me designing a mural to transfer onto the whitewash of the toilet block.'

Unfortunately, the pandemic put the project on hold; 'My idea was to ask the local community for personal stories and history about Kings Langley,' explained Ruby, 'then involving local young people to

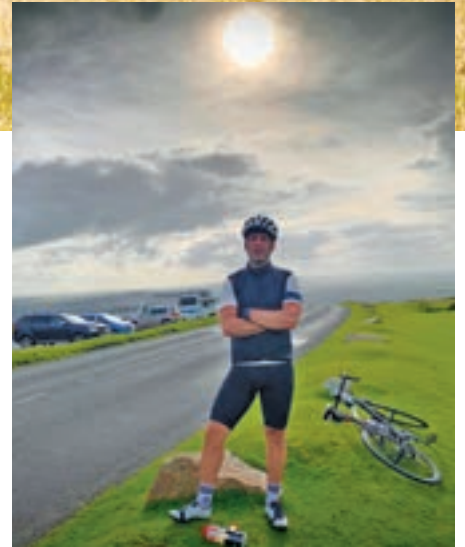
In the summer holidays of 2020 the design was dusted off and work began in earnest. The transformation was astonishing 'From a very nondescript and unattractive building has emerged something very attractive,' commented



Left: Dean at Land's End last summer – when the 2020 LEJOG was cancelled, he and his friends took the opportunity to embark on a south coast ride instead



Above: In contrast to the lovely coastal scenery enjoyed on that trip, some of Dean's more intense training took place on the track within the Olympic velodrome..
Right: A welcome breather and respite from the saddle!



which was 'one of the best things I've ever done' and along the way raised £3,000 for Alzheimers Society.

Dean then looked at the challenge of Land's End to John O'Groats (LEJOG), 1500km over 11 days, and originally planned to do this in 2020. After a Covid-enforced delay, he set off on 24 August 2021 from Land's End, raising money for the BHF – without their research it's unlikely he would be here today to be able to do the ride. He has a specially designed jersey featuring friends' business logos which has raised £800 on its own.

The ride is organised by Global Adventure

Challenges with a hotel booked after each daily ride, and a support team along the way, There's a group of about 50 riders taking part, averaging around 145km a day, and on some days climbing over 3,000 metres.

As you read this we anticipate that Dean will have successfully completed the ride!

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Parish Councillor Robert McLean. 'Unsurprisingly everyone passing by stops to marvel at what has been achieved in such a short space of time.'

Equally unsurprisingly the youngsters are having a great time. 'They're all taking it seriously,' added Ruby, 'but also having a lot of fun working together to create a public work of art in their village. It has been a really lovely experience for all of us.'

Ted Lewis and Millie Westley are two young locals whose artistry helped create the colourful mural



PHOTOGRAPHS: RUBY LEWIS

Library Reading Challenge a huge success

Since this year's challenge started in early July more than 120 children have signed up to take part!

The library has been delighted to welcome back families after such a long closure, and many have made such positive comments about how much they have missed the library. Certificates and medals are now being awarded to those children who have finished the Challenge – well done everyone!

Following a successful recruitment campaign with eight new volunteers in the last few months, library opening hours are being extended. They are still looking for more volunteers and can offer a friendly welcome and full training! Call in to the library or email kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com for more information.

The events team are still active providing interesting Zoom talks:
22 September: A fascinating insight to the history and activities of Trinity House, the organisation that looks after Britain's lighthouses.
20 October: with Frogmore Paper Mill – former archivist Michael Stanton will describe the early industrial



Medals and certificates for two young readers



pioneers and how transportation played a part in the development of the Gade valley area.

17 November: Heraldry and the College of Arms, with Adam Tuck, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant and a member of Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society, including discussion of examples of heraldry associated with Kings Langley and the surrounding areas.

For all events watch out for posters around the village and in the library and follow them on Facebook. For tickets email the library or book direct through Eventbrite.

It is hoped to have more physical events in the library soon, with Covid guidance from Herts County Council, resuming some children's events and evening talks in the next few months. Watch out for adverts.

Thanks to all for the very generous book donations – these are sold at the book stall at the monthly village market with funds raised all spent on equipment and resources for the library.

Evergreen club re-opens its doors

At last, on 29 July, the Evergreen Club opened its doors to welcome back members and volunteers for an afternoon of entertainment.

Everyone was delighted to meet face-to-face with friends they had not seen since March 2020! Members were encouraged to bring anything they might have produced during the lockdown. Several members had written poems about the experience, another member had written a short story from which an extract was read.

There were knitted pairs of padded hearts, one to be given to a Covid patient in hospital and the other to a family member who was unable to visit. The artists among the membership brought along paintings and artworks to share with everyone.

A fortnight later the club met again to hold its AGM which was followed by some card games. The programme of events for the rest of this year is now fully booked. If you, or someone you know, would like to join this fun social club, which meets every other Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre, call Ann Martin **01923 267604** for more details.

Collection for Haiti Appeal

On Saturday 14 August, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, 75 miles west of the capital of Port-au-Prince. Three days later tropical storm Grace, flash floods and mudslides have caused further devastation on the island.

To date the earthquake has claimed more than 1,400 lives, injured almost 7,000 people and destroyed 83,000 homes. Families are seeking safety wherever they can with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Entire communities have been made homeless.

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School charity walk also cleans up!

Kings Langley School's biennial charity walk is on Friday 10 September, with the extra challenge this year of not only raising money for charity but also litter picking along the routes to help the local community stay clean.

Now into its twelfth year, the school pupils have raised over £50,000 for charities and other great causes. This year they have decided to link the charities to their four key strategies within the school, educational, environmental, a local charity, and health and wellbeing.

The four charities chosen for this year are: Billy's Wish, RSPCA, Alzheimer's Society and Drug Link

They hope to raise over fifteen thousand pounds for these charities which have all been impacted dramatically during Covid. Please help them by generously sponsoring Kings Langley School students to complete the walk and litter pick – *justgiving at www.bit.ly/klvn-school*

Bowling along

Recently Kings Langley Bowling Club members have been involved in national, county and district competitions and three of the ladies teams reached the semi-finals of their Watford & District competitions.

In-house club competitions played over the season reach their finals on 10/11 September. Newer members have settled in with some taking part in league and friendly matches as well as the new bowlers' competition.

From mid-September the outdoor bowling season comes to an end and many members will move to playing indoors. There is short mat bowls and carpet bowls at the clubhouse, and other activities, including social gatherings, will continue throughout the winter months.

If you would like to try bowls and have the opportunity to meet others and make new friendships, contact Sue Jenkins **01923 400108**.



Care home says farewell to Karoline

Friars Mead has bid farewell to its manager of 13 years, Karoline Gullin.

Karoline was treated to a retirement afternoon tea with her colleagues, the residents, and some of their family

members who wanted to express their gratitude for her hard work and dedication in keeping their loved ones happy and safe. Karoline was joined by her husband, Tony, who was also stepping down after spending five years as the Friars Mead caretaker.

She said, 'I've been through so much over the last 23 years and I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me to make Friars Mead a great place to be. However, the biggest thanks goes to our wonderful residents, past and present, who have made it an absolute pleasure to work here and given me tremendous satisfaction in my job.'

Karoline ended her speech by handing over to the new Manager, Julie Hutchins, and assured the residents that they would be in very safe hands.

More buses – use them or lose them

Did you know that following a Government grant, bus route 500 through the village has extended running hours later into the evening?

There are now hourly buses up until around 2200 – 2230 on Monday to Saturday evenings. The full timetable can be found at www.bit.ly/klvn-bus and exact times can be found at the bus stops. It seems to



have been a well-kept secret up until now, so use it or lose it!

Watch a speeded-up journey of the Arriva 500 from Watford to Aylesbury, taking in Kings Langley along the way, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvNdsAtcS0s>



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Tales from the Parish Pump

There are many voluntary and social organisations in the village, willing to lend a hand at the drop of a hat, as well as monthly 'drop in' events organised by the parish council.

The first Friday morning of the warmer months there is an opportunity to lend a hand in the Village Garden. 'Over the last six years we have bought or been given, trees, shrubs and plants. Where we haven't had room for all the donated trees we have found them a good home,' explained Parish Councillor Howard Button; 'It's all part of the commitment to reduce our carbon footprint.'

In August, Alison and Peter Faulkner brought some of their spare irises to plant, and then joined Arwen Turner for some judicious pruning and weeding.

The last Sunday morning of each month is an opportunity to don a stylish hi-vis vest and pick litter in a lightly organised team. 'These litter picks supplement the work of the warden and Borough Council,' said Councillor Rene de Silva; 'It's also a good way to get a little exercise!'

And finally, at the monthly Village Garden Market, the parish council have a 'drop in' session to have a chat or ask a question. 'It is an opportunity for us too,' said Councillor Ian Sinclair; 'In July we shared a space with the Residents Association and in August with the Carnival organisers. After all, we are all volunteers working for Kings Langley.' Hope to see you soon!

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A Park & Ride in Kings Langley? It's a farce!

'It is unlikely that anyone would concoct a farce as ridiculous at this,' exclaimed Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA) Chair Gary Ansell.

'There seems to be no limit to the number of people who think that Kings Langley has an inexhaustible capacity for houses and cars, when local people know we have far too many developments proposed in and around the village, an over-abundance of traffic and a distinct lack of parking.'

Watford Borough Council have issued a consultation document suggesting a park and ride scheme with the parking in Kings Langley for those wanting to get to Watford – it appears to be planned for the site which had been proposed for the MOTO Motorway Service Area near to junction 20.

'No one has looked at the bigger picture. In other words, push the demand for shops and services and all the associated traffic into Kings Langley and ensure those living here have to put up with parked cars, traffic queues, heavily polluted air, and our Green Belt covered in concrete. The latest scheme may be the only place you'll be able to find a parking space in future' commented Gary.

KL&DRA urge everyone to respond to the consultation, which closes on 13 October 2021, at www.futuretravelwatford.com

For questions, or to complete the consultation on paper or in another language, email: sustainabletransport@watford.gov.uk or call 01923 278077

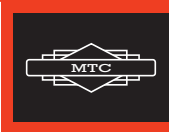
Parish Council's newest member

Ian Sinclair would like to thank everyone in the South Ward of the parish who elected him to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.



'I work as a Chartered Health & Safety Practitioner in London and have lived in the Coniston Road part of the village for a number of years. I am keen to ensure that everything is done to minimise development on Green Belt around the village, and to defend the village's other amenities.'

'I have been busy "learning the ropes" and finding out what the Parish Council can and cannot do – I have already been impressed how well the whole council works together as a team. I'm looking forward to playing my role on the council.'



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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 highly desirable prize of a £20 voucher and a jar of handmade bath salts from Nina Massage and Beauty! To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 22 October. Good luck!

Across

- 1 This well-known Village location can be found by scrambling amid far yews! (7,4)
- 7 Part of a seed plant that that contains the female germ cell (5)
- 8 Thoughts that can lead to possible courses of action (5)
- 9 Well-known Village company on Egg Farm Lane (3)
- 10 The atomic number of oxygen (5)
- 12 Speed of a musical passage (5)
- 14 Bring together for a common purpose (5)
- 17 Our Village has a number of these leading away from the valley floor (5)
- 19 Put down and set in position for use (3)
- 20 Short duration (5)
- 21 Happen again (5)

22 Village cul-de-sac located on and named after a former petroleum company's research laboratory site near the canal (6,5)

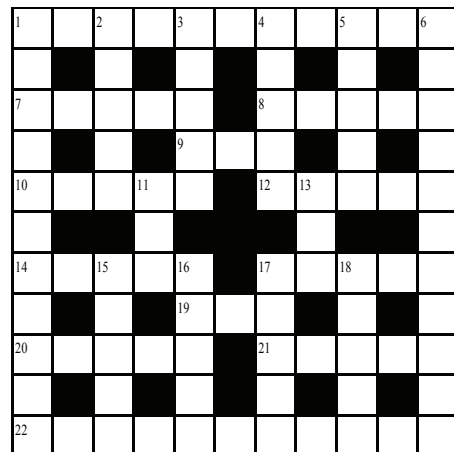
Down

- 1 What we use for counting, as found by a confused humble owner! (5,6)
- 2 Having only lived for a short time (5)
- 3 Chemically inactive (5)
- 4 To have objective reality or being (5)
- 5 On a line at right angles to a ship's or an aircraft's length (5)
- 6 Interpret wrongly (11)
- 11 Small simple shelter (3)
- 13 A long, distinct period of history (3)
- 15 Something that can occur in very cold weather on a vehicle or an aeroplane (5)
- 16 Within a self-infection hides a resemblance to a mythical creature with pointed ears (5)
- 17 Words of a song (5)
- 18 Small piece of a tortilla topped with melted cheese (5)

Answers to Crossword No: 21

Across: 1 Fundamental, 5 Release, 7 Endow, 8 Dwell, 9 Crier, 11 Tansy, 12 Nominal, 13 Exponential,

Down: 1 Fisher Close, 2 Allow, 3 Eland, 4 Langley Hill, 5 Red Lion, 6 Eternal, 10 Roman, 11 Tenon



Prize Xword No. 22 set by Andrew Selby



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John and Mariana Ingleby's Xword prize of a meal with wine was gratefully accepted from Saracen's Head landlord Peter Dillingham

Once the Community Centre re-opened in July, Good Neighbours' Association hosted a 'thank you' evening there for the volunteers from the village who rose to the pandemic challenge back in March 2020.

In lockdown, many locals were furloughed or working from home part-time, so were able to volunteer as an 'ever-ready' workforce. However, in

the era of 'new normal' the number of volunteer drivers has understandably dwindled. In addition, the passage of time means some original regular drivers are no longer able to help.

Hospital appointments are on the increase, and the Tuesday Lunch Club has re-opened with the need for short drives within the village. Most journeys are local so if any reader can offer help, please call 07790 668 672.

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The Ten Second Sermon

A letter from Rev. Andrew Brazier of the Methodist Church:

In one of my other churches, we have started putting up something that we call the 'Ten Second Sermon.' It's a short snippet aimed to attract the attention of the passer by, put up on the noticeboard outside church. As they seemed very popular, I started popping them on Facebook.

In a world and time where attention spans are out of fashion, it turns out that a ten second sermon is just the ticket. We've had hundreds of 'likes' for these simple messages. So I thought I'd simply share one of those messages here and see whether they work in a newspaper too? As my grandmother would have said, 'waste not want not.' God bless.

Hi there, how are you? Thank you for helping someone over the past twelve months, they very much appreciated it. God also appreciated the help you gave. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these siblings of mine, you did it for me.' (Matthew 25 v40)

Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane Kings Langley, WD4 9HR

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month. Planning and Licensing on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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We are delighted to welcome back our most popular performers and stalls as well as attracting new stall holders to tempt us with all sorts of goodies, crafts and games.

'There will be the usual family entertainment provided by the Dog Show, trampolines, vintage fire engine and the Tug of War as well as the last-minute addition of some fairground rides' explained Carnival Committee chair Carol Chandler. 'All we need now is the wonderful support we usually receive from the village – and a sunny afternoon!'

Although only a few days to go, it may not be too late to book a stall. If you are interested, contact: Stalls-KLCarnival@hotmail.com

We are very lucky to have so many local organisations willing to help make this event such a success. These include major raffle prizes from The Grove, Taylors Tools, and The Kitchen at Inspired, sponsorship from many local businesses, and donations from KingsFest, Kings Langley Parish Council, Miller Homes and Furnells Transport.

'Let's make this a great village day out for everyone – come along and bring your friends and family,' said Carol. "After all, it wouldn't be summer without an ice cream, a hot dog, some popcorn or candy floss!'

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Kings Langley Musical Theatre's next fully staged production will be *The Addams Family* for which there will be open auditions on 30 October. For more information email klmtc@outlook.com

Harvest Festival Fun Day

All Saints is holding a family autumn fundraiser on Sunday 3 October with music, food and craft stalls, a barbeque and a bar with local beers, as well as a bouncy castle and a whole host of activities for the kids.

It kicks off at 12.30pm and runs all afternoon. See you there!

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