



# Village News

## Sleepout supporters brave the cold to raise £50,000 for DENS

Fundraisers who braved the freezing weather to join in the long-awaited return of the DENS Sponsored Sleepout helped raise an incredible £50,000 by swapping their beds for sleeping bags late last year.

The event was sponsored by Kings Langley-based semiconductor company, Imagination Technologies, whose local staff also took part while a team in Romania watched the virtual broadcast.

One hundred people from across Dacorum defied Storm Arwen to spend the night on cardboard in the grounds of The Hemel Hempstead School in support of the charity which helps rebuild the lives of local people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

In addition to the live Sleepout, there was also an action-packed virtual broadcast enabling children and families to take part in their own homes by sleeping anywhere other than their bed. A total of 73 participants joined in, including a strong turn out from local Scout groups.

The night started in energetic fashion with a silent disco before participants, wrapped up in thick layers, took on a frosty winter night under the stars with their sleeping bags and a cardboard box, courtesy of local removal company, JamVans. Hot drinks provided by DENS Social Enterprise, the Coffee Project, helped to keep participants warm.

Despite battling the unforgiving elements of the night, spirits remained high at daybreak as participants celebrated their collective achievement and enjoyed a much-deserved bacon roll kindly provided by the Rapid Relief Team from Watford.

Joe Dempsie, Game of Thrones star and DENS ambassador, took part in the event for the second time. He said: 'I am always blown away by the passion of DENS' supporters and the fantastic atmosphere they generate at events. The Sleepout is an important opportunity to make a difference helping those who are most vulnerable, while also gaining a small insight into the harsh reality rough sleepers have to face on a nightly basis.'



Dacorum Borough Councilor Margaret Griffiths, who took part (pictured above with the Mayor of Dacorum Stewart Riddick), said 'This year's Sleepout was, as always, a true reflection of the powerful community spirit on show throughout Dacorum, with people from all walks of life coming together to raise vital funds for such a worthy cause.'

Wendy Lewington, CEO of DENS, said 'A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Sleepout, and to all our partners who were key in making the event happen. This night rounds off an incredible 2021 for DENS, where we returned to live fundraising events – a vital source of income as we continue to support local vulnerable people in taking the next positive steps in their lives.'

Donations can still be made towards the event by visiting [www.justgiving.com/campaign/dens-sleepout-2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/dens-sleepout-2021)



Fundraisers prepare to bed down for the night

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Lois Stott

Lois Stott passed away in December 2021. She was a much-loved dinner lady at the Primary School for over 30 years. She loved the children and her job so much that she was still working until shortly before her death.

She will be much missed by all those parents and children whose lives she touched with her kindness.

The Stott family, Eric, Lois, Matthew, Leanne and Natalie moved into Rucklers Lane in the mid-1980s. Soon after, Lois got a job as a dinner lady in Kings Langley Primary School. She was always very fond of children and this turned out to be her dream job, so much so that she was still doing it in her seventies.

Lois had a wonderful ability to relate to children and her natural kindness shone through everything she did. Children were comforted and loved and then grew up to have their own children who were lucky enough to experience Lois's compassion and care. The lives of so many generations of village children have been touched and enriched by her genuine love of young people.

At home, Lois loved to garden and feed the animals and birds that abound in Rucklers Lane. She was the glue which held together the little community on Rucklers Green and always had the latest news to share! They will miss her hugely.

When the news of her death was posted on Kings Langley Matters there was an outpouring of love and affection from nearly 200 people. This can only be a small fraction of the many people whose lives were touched by Lois in our village community.

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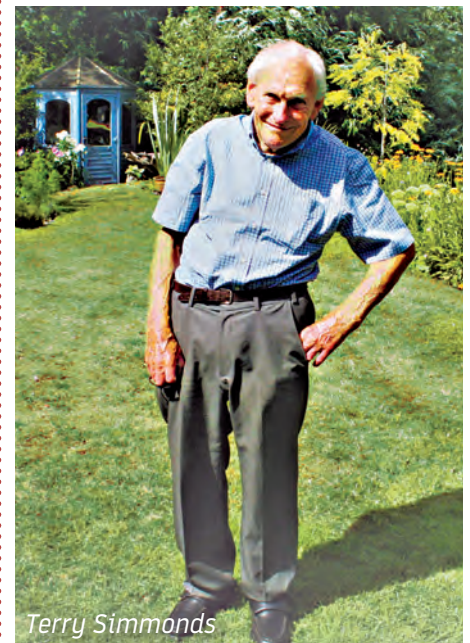
## Terry Simmonds

The death of popular horticulturalist Terry Simmonds was announced by the Parish Council at the end of last year.

The Chipperfield resident was the esteemed judge of Kings Langley's annual Gardens Competition for more years than anyone can remember, and was always happy to share his expertise and gardening knowledge. While often seen with his camera in hand, it was also occasionally the source of much amusement for Terry's friends.

One year, after searching high and low for the camera it was eventually located up the arm of his jacket. On another occasion, Terry turned up to the competition's presentation evening and instead of bringing his beloved camera he found in his pocket his electric shaver instead.

Although born and bred in Chipperfield, Terry loved the friendliness of the people of Kings Langley. A very popular, kindly character he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



Terry Simmonds



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## Green initiatives – become involved!

Are you a secondary school student living in Kings Langley? Are you interested in the environment? Do you have ideas that could promote sustainability? Would you like to join together with friends to put forward some ideas that could change our future for the better?

Howard Button, Chair of Kings Langley Parish Council and the Council's Environment Group would like to hear from you. 'The Parish Council is doing more with solar panels and our investment in our own green spaces,' he explained. 'In 2022 we would like to encourage more local people to become involved in green initiatives, starting with our young people.'

The parish council has kick-started a competition for secondary school-aged residents to put together a proposal or activity and tell us about it. This could be a written proposal, a model, a video or a digital presentation. Some suggestions are listed below but feel free to come up with your own ideas:

- Document wildlife and map local green spaces.
- Set up or be part of a 'grow your own' scheme, growing vegetables to reduce food miles and plastic waste.
- Investigate brownfield sites as an alternative to village Green Belt sites
- Identify wildlife, protected trees and other points of interest in Green Belt areas
- Identify ways of reducing your (or your school's) carbon footprint.

The finished project needs to be delivered to Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane Kings Langley, WD4 9HR or emailed to [klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk)

The winners will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 April 2022 and will be judged on viability and merit. A £200 prize will be awarded to the student's school. So, go on – put your thinking caps on and think about tomorrow, today.



## Kings Langley Scouts selected for World Jamboree

Two members of 1st Kings Langley Scout Group have been selected to represent Hertfordshire at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

Around 40,000 Scouts from over 100 countries will attend the Jamboree to celebrate Scouting and to learn about each other's cultures, as well as focusing on themes of creating a more sustainable and peaceful world.

Emily Cummings, who is an Explorer Scout at Hemel Hempstead Explorers and a Young Leader at 1st Kings Langley Scouts, was selected to represent Hemel Hempstead District and Hertfordshire following a selection weekend in October where over 30 Scouts were competing for six places.

The applicants were set ten scoring

challenges including budgeting and cooking a group meal, leading younger Cub Scouts to build a natural shelter and orienteering as well as being individually interviewed and doing a presentation.

Emily is very proud to be selected as part of the UK contingent of nearly 4,000 Scouts and has already started her fundraising, including running Christmas bake sales.

Kerry Harding is a Scout Leader at 1st Kings Langley Scouts and was selected as a Jamboree Leader following an adult selection day in November. Kerry will join 11 other leaders to take over 100 Scouts from Hertfordshire to the Jamboree. Having previously attended the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan, Kerry is looking forward to taking a group of Scouts to South Korea and giving them the same opportunity to participate in this unique and exciting experience.

Kerry and Emily both need to raise £4,000 to attend the Jamboree and this cost includes the sponsorship of Scouts from third world countries to offer them the opportunity to attend as well.

Emily, Kerry and 1st Kings Langley Scouts will be fundraising at upcoming village events over the next 18 months and would welcome any support!

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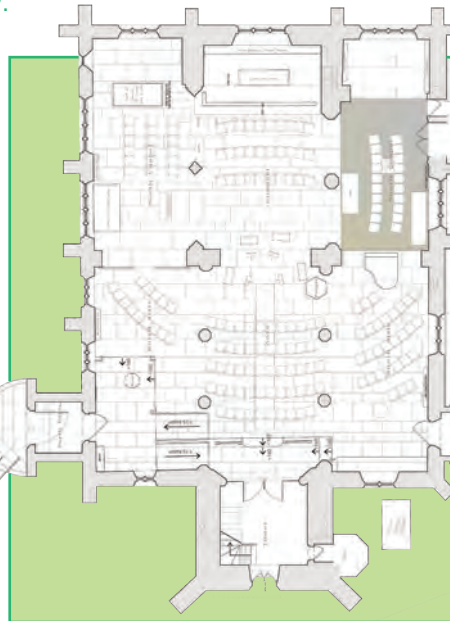
# All Saints Reordering update

All Saints' public information event last October brought to life the proposals of how to update the building, ensuring it moves with the times and is fit for purpose whilst bringing to life the building's wonderful royal history.

The overall ambition is to make the Church more suitable for wider community use – no one should feel excluded. It should be a flexible space for different uses – concerts, lectures, wedding receptions, a community foodbank – whilst keeping an impressive and historic atmosphere.

There was a good level of engagement from the local community and more than 65 pieces of overwhelmingly positive and constructive written feedback were shared at the event. Combined with feedback from members of the congregation and local community groups this has now given the church team a helpful pool of thoughts to consider while working up more detailed plans.

Father James McDonald, Team Vicar at All Saints, said: 'All Saints is very mindful of the historical nature of the wonderful church building and have every intention to retain the heart and charm of the building whilst addressing some of the challenges.'



'Plans will continue to be shared with the community and congregation and taken forward to the relevant bodies, and plans are in hand for fundraising both locally and through grant and foundation applications.'

Further information on the project can be found online at [www.bit.ly/askl-reorder](http://www.bit.ly/askl-reorder) and feedback is still welcome.



## Paul Rees MBE

Kings Langley resident Paul Rees, Chief Executive of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, has been honoured with an MBE for his services to mental health and equality, diversity and inclusion.

Dr Adrian James, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, said 'Paul's leadership on equality, diversity and inclusion and the implementation of our values has been inspirational. He has successfully transformed the College and delivered real improvements for patients, members and staff.'

The College is currently rolling out a total of over 400 actions on equality, diversity and inclusion and is committed to being a proactively anti-discrimination organisation, inspiring other medical royal colleges to take more robust action. Under Paul's leadership annual gender pay audits have successfully reduced its gender pay gap to 6.2%, down from 17% in 2019, and the College has also joined Stonewall's Diversity Champions scheme to improve and boost LGBTQ+ inclusion.

In 2019, the Royal College of Psychiatrists was named Charity of the Year in the European Diversity Awards in the Memcom UK membership sector awards, and in 2020 Paul won the Memcom Louis Armstrong Leadership Award.

Paul lives with his wife Sue and family in the lower common conservation area in Kings Langley.

## Pandemic fails to dampen spirits at village's social club

The Evergreen Club, Kings Langley's social club for over 55s, has been flourishing since it re-opened in July last year, with 12 new members joining the ranks.

The newly expanded group ended the year with a Christmas craft session and party with carols and Christmas songs.

The club meets fortnightly on Thursday afternoons at The Nap Community Centre, with the next session after the Christmas break scheduled for Thursday 3 February. For more details please contact Ann Martin 01923 267604.



## Church heralds success of Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints in early December was a great success with more than 20 trees decorated by local organisations on display in the church, and many visitors over the weekend.

More than £2,500 was raised in aid of the mission of All Saints and local charities. The team behind the festival would like to thank everyone who participated, helped, and visited the festival for their support.



## Help for struggling families over Christmas

All Saints Church, St Benedict Church and St Mary's Apsley End Foodbanks would like to say an Enormous THANK YOU to everyone who has joined in with this years ShoeBox Appeal.

They received 112 full boxes for families who were struggling over the Christmas period.

## Curious about Christianity?

Anyone who wants to find out more about the Christian faith, including the bible and its teachings, is invited to sign up for the new Start! course being run by All Saints church this spring. To find out more or to sign up email [allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com)



## Library announces series of events for the new year

A popular baby group at Kings Langley Community Library is slated to restart this spring after three new volunteers came forward.

Baby Rhyme Time will run on Friday mornings (see back page) when babies and their carers can enjoy popular songs and rhymes in the children's section of the library on The Nap.

A range of further events are cautiously being planned for 2022, including a Zoom talk from two local

authors. *A Celebration of Writing* will be hosted on the evening of 7 February by Mary Rensten and David Matthews who will talk about their work and give short readings from their books.

The first in-person event is lined up for 16 March when the library will welcome back the Kings Langley History and

Museum Society to give a presentation based on the story of Margaret Cross, a pioneer of Steiner Waldorf education at her Priory School in Kings Langley. As this is a physical event places will be limited; tickets will be available soon and visitors are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

Look out for ticket information on Facebook, in the library and on the village notice boards.

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## Call for volunteers

Kings Langley Community Library is seeking volunteers with a passion for small scale events organising.

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# Sweet as a Button scoops prize



The 2021 competition for Best Christmas Themed Premises in the High Street was won by Miranda Button, who was presented with her Atkins Award shortly before Christmas.

Miranda, who moved her shop Sweet as a Button to a new location just a few paces along the High Street towards the end of the year, was delighted with her prize of £50, kindly provided by Wilden Services Ltd., which she said will be donated to charity.

attractive and festive thoroughfare, demonstrating an enormous amount of style and imagination. Everyone who took part is to be commended and we are, as always, grateful to them for their community spirit.'

The organisers, Kings Langley Parish Council, gave Highly Commended awards to the Lunch Box, Dream Doors, Langley Butcher and The Barbers Lounge. A Well Done was given to Profiles, Spar and to the Kings Langley Arts & Crafts group for brightening up the High Street with their festive yarnbombing.



*Sweet as a Button's award-winning new shopfront on the High Street*

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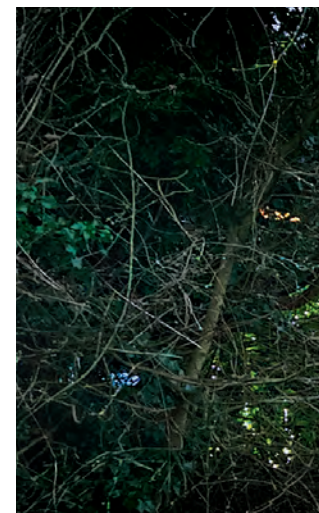
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*This year's Best Christmas Light Display competition attracted a record number of entries from around the village.*

## Lights fantastic bring cheer to Kings Langley

With so many households going to great lengths to add a festive glow to their homes, judging proved to be a difficult task. Your Parish councillors viewed each entry, drawing up a shortlist from which the final five winners were chosen.

The first prize of £75 was awarded to Broadfield Farm. Second place was shared by Silverstone Lodge and 24 Belham Road, who each won £50. Third place (£25) was won by Abbots View and fourth place (£20) went to 1 Great Park.

Special Commended awards of £10 each went to the following displays at the following addresses:

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- Abbots View
- Rectory Lane
- Rectory Lane

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Congratulations to all the entrants who brought some added cheer to our village!

*Photographs, clockwise from top: Broadfield Farm's colourful winning display. Sue and Kev Penn, of Abbots Rise, were awarded third place.*

*Lorene and Fred Preston were pleased to win joint second place. Although they've been decorating their house each year since 1996 they've only entered the competition for the past two years.*

*This magnificently decorated and lit Xmas tree won James Martin of Great Park fourth prize.*

*A sparkling Silverstone Lodge shared joint second place.*



## Housekeeper Liz celebrates 25 years of service at Friars Mead

Residents and staff at Friars Mead care home in Rockliffe Avenue have celebrated a special milestone for their housekeeper who has just passed a quarter of a century working at the home.

Liz Swindles (pictured right) joined Friars Mead part time in 1996 when her son started school, and met her husband of ten years when he was working at the site as a handyman.

She said 'When I started I didn't think I would be working here 25 years later!



I have met so many interesting people over the years and heard many stories from both residents and staff.

'I guess Friars Mead will always mean a little more to me than just a place

where I work. I can't say that I will be here in another 25 years, unless it's as a resident – I can then tell all my stories to the next housekeeper!'

Liz, who is one of six staff who have served at Friars Mead for more than 20 years, was presented with flowers and a gift from the residents and colleagues to mark the occasion.

Friars Mead is currently looking for new members of staff to fill full-time and part-time housekeeping vacancies, as well as carers, kitchen and maintenance staff. If you would like to join a friendly, dedicated and professional team in a rewarding job, contact the home at [house@friarsmeadcare.co.uk](mailto:house@friarsmeadcare.co.uk) or call 01923 270 304.

## 'Tis the season to be big hearted

Charitable organisations in the village have been gifted a share of the £3,500 in grants that was raised from this year's Kings Langley Carnival.

After a public call for nominees to receive a share of the funds, it was decided that Kings Langley Good Neighbours Association would receive 20 Christmas Hampers for their Lunch Club clients, while Kings Langley Charities (KLC) also received donations to support their seasonal activities.

Other grants were made to the Kings Langley and District Residents Association who are fighting against development of the local Green Belt on four fronts simultaneously, and the Kings Langley Puffaten who received some seed funding to get the village fun run restarted next June.

Race organiser Alan Johnson said 'We have to start preparations for the fun run six to nine months in advance, which means there are a lot of upfront costs before a single entry has been received. Throw a nasty virus or two into the mix and it can get very expensive.'

Finally there were the usual contributions to those who made the Carnival such a success in September, including Midshires Search & Rescue, who provided such sterling service in a range of stewarding roles; Bennetts End Scouts, who delivered a hugely popular BBQ; Community Action Dacorum (CAD), who emceed the event, and all the stage acts who

performed – Kings Langley School Band; Revelation Majorettes; Kings Langley Community Choir; Salsa Tropicana; Kings Langley Primary School Choir, Chris Clark, Twisted Cheer and Dance and The Chevtones.

Plans for next year's event on 25 June 2022 are being formulated and the Committee would welcome any offers to help – large or small – as well as suggestions for the day. Contact [kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com)

## New Walks programmes

April 2022 Walk programmes are now available to view via the website [hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks)

Take a look at all of the walks we have on offer near you and come along and join us!

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# KLFC supporters rewarded with series of thrilling score lines

The relegation fight for Kings Langley's Football Club (KLFC) continues and has included a host of high scoring matches, 50-yard winning goals and a few red cards to boot. Buoyed by a coach load of Kings supporters, Chris Cummings took his young charges down to Wimborne for their first of three quick visits to Dorset.

This was a massive game as it was played between the two teams that were, at the time, taking up the two relegation places. The match had everything; six goals, a questionable home penalty, a red card for Harry Crawford and an heroic last minute equaliser by Kings player/coach Will Hoskins for a 3-3 result.

That away day seemed to galvanise the supporters and players as it was followed three days later by a 5-0 win over Hartley Wintney which included a hat-trick by local boy Alfie Williams (pictured right). The surge of four points in two games took the Kings out of the relegation zone.

Results since the Hartley Wintney win have been slightly erratic, with heavy away defeats against Poole and Walton Casuals, 6-2 and 4-0 respectively.

Following these, a 1-1 draw away at Gosport Borough who are pushing for promotion, and then the never-to-be-forgotten 2-1 home win over promotion favourites Hayes and Yeading, which included an amazing goal last minute of the game where Hayes and Yeading equalised from a penalty and Alfie Williams scored for the Kings from behind the halfway line from the restart.

In between these yo-yo results was a heartbreaking 3-3 home draw against Tiverton Town, where the Kings were 3-1 up and very much in control, the equaliser coming a long way into injury time.

It's fair to say the Kings need as much support as possible for forthcoming home matches against Walton Casuals (18/1), Farnborough (22/1), Met Police (5/2) and Wimborne (26/2).

Keep up to date with all the club's news on Twitter [@KLFCofficial](#) or Facebook [Kings Langley Football Club](#).

## KLFC team changes

In player news, it's all change at Kings as captain Roddy Collins leaves the club after playing more than 70 games for the team. Elsewhere Alfie Williams has returned to Stevenage after his loan spell, and Kyle Connolly has left after 60 appearances – including as stand-in goalkeeper at Farnborough. The club sends its good wishes to all three players. Meanwhile the Kings have seen the return from injury of Will Hall, a Watford loanee, and the signings of Sam Dreyer – on loan from Stevenage – and exciting new midfielder Jamie Jellis.



Arts Society dedicates knitted displays to departed friend

The Kings Langley Arts and Craft Society (KLACS) brought some festive joy to the High Street with their Christmas displays of creativity, which they dedicated to a friend and fellow member who passed away earlier last year.

Painted panels, knitted garlands, post covers, nets of crochet snowflakes and post box toppers – all speaking to this year's 'Arctic' theme – have been on show around the village, in memory of the late Shelley Green.

Penguins, polar bears, snowy mountains and snowmen all featured, while the bus shelters have been suitably adorned with Christmas trees and a cascade of snowflakes. The piece de resistance was a pack of husky dogs pulling Santa on a sled atop the large post-box outside St Laura's Care Home.

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# Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan enters final consultation period

Residents still have a few days to give their feedback to the Kings Langley Neighbourhood Plan, which is now in its final consultation until midnight on 28 January.

The Neighbourhood Plan, which has been in preparation and consultation for several years, helps shape the future of the village but it is crucial that as many people as possible engage in this final stage of consultation.

Once the consultation period closes at the end of this month the plan will be assessed by an independent examiner before a referendum is held in the summer when villagers will get the chance to vote on the plan.

John Morrish, the Parish Councillor leading the project on behalf of the Council, said: 'We have reached the final stages of our Neighbourhood Plan for Kings Langley so I would really appreciate if villagers would have a look at the plan on our website and give feedback to the consultation. If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me at [john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk)'

The latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be read at <https://klnp.co.uk/wp/> and the consultation can be accessed via the short survey button on the site.



## Lack of clear housing supply favours developers

Uncertainty remains about the future planning landscape in Kings Langley thanks to a question mark over national policy.

Last February, Dacorum Borough Council completed consultation on their draft Local Plan, but then voted to defer submitting its Local Plan to Government citing the 'uncertainty' over national planning policy.

Since then Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, has ordered a complete rethink and it seems current thoughts are tending towards urban densification and renewal rather than clear and build. So does this mean our Green Belt is safe? Sadly not.

Planning inspectors from Mr Gove's department are still approving plans for Green Belt development. One of the most significant locally was the decision on 100 dwellings in the Green Belt at Bullens Green Lane, Colney Heath where the Inspector allowed the developer's appeal, primarily due to lack of five-year housing supply.

This decision has far-reaching consequences for councils and developers, since many councils –

including Dacorum – do not have a five-year housing supply, ie. enough sites ready for development to meet their housing needs for the next five years. For developers it means there is an automatic presumption in favour of sustainable development anywhere.

Gary Ansell, chairman of Kings Langley & District Residents Association, said 'Which brings us to 21/04241/SCO which is the planning reference for a development between Tring Town and Tring Station comprising 1,400 dwellings including a sports centre, a primary and secondary school on Green Belt.

'It wasn't in the earlier draft Local Plan; it is an entirely speculative development and may be the first of many similar developments anywhere in Dacorum – including Kings Langley,' he explained.

'That's why it is so important that such developments are fought wherever they are, whatever bells and whistles are included.'

## Lunch Club Celebrations

Half a century of lunches were celebrated late last year when the Good Neighbours' Lunch Club marked its 50th birthday.

'Everyone is made to feel welcome, with the added bonus of not having to cook!'; 'I enjoy every minute I'm here. The food is very good and the helpers do a great job, and of course the company is enjoyable'; 'Enjoy coming, and appreciate the lift'; 'Lovely grub!'

These are just a few of the comments from guests at the Lunch Club's anniversary meal in October, which saw Chairman Eric Martin outline some of the recent history of the club, while President Stephen Clarke added reminiscences of the early days when the meals were cooked in helpers' homes and carried through the streets on trays.



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After the speeches and the cutting of the cake – complete with sparkling candles – every guest was presented with an inscribed mug as a special memento of the occasion.

Because of Covid restrictions on numbers there is a short waiting list to join the Lunch Club – call **07527 907128** for more details.



*Dolly presented a voucher to our winner Loretta Fulton (right) for her correct entry to last issue's Prize Xword. Dolly, who used to manage the Knowing Healing Hub in the High Street, offers Intuitive Tarot readings, Energy Healing and Animal Healing as well as bespoke jewellery and artwork. 'I'll probably put my voucher towards a therapy as I've never had one before,' said Loretta.*

*The Village News finally managed to track down the winner of our Xword no. 20 – Mary Flynn, pictured here with husband David and daughter Sophie. 'It was Sophie who was keen to win the prize,' said Mary, 'but it was a joint family effort to complete the Xword.' Nina Massage & Beauty kindly donated the prize of a £20 voucher and a jar of handmade bath salts.*



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# Prize Xword

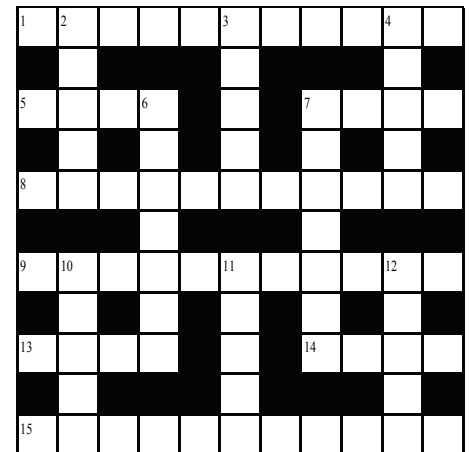
Prize Xword No. 24 set by Andrew Selby

*The prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat for this issue is **Tea and Cake for Two**, kindly donated by Claire at **Dalling & Co.** in the High Street. To enter, simply post or email your completed crossword entry with your contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 11 February. Good luck!*

**Across**

- 1 One of the several places for beverages in our Village (4,1,6)
- 5 There was once one of these establishments in our Village, just off Waterside (4)
- 7 Gone astray (4)
- 8 Happening soon after a birth (4-7)
- 9 Utter a claim, all confused at a Uni enrolment? (11)
- 13 Old phones had one of these (4)

- 14 A long flexible material in a narrow strip used for recording (4)
  - 15 A Village restaurant (6,5)
- Down**
- 2 Large animal (5)
  - 3 A cheese from the Low Countries (5)
  - 4 A ceaseless breach provides support for a painter! (5)
  - 6 A side part of something (7)
  - 7 Printed page used for information or advertising (7)
  - 10 Otherwise known as (5)
  - 11 A game requiring strategic skill (5)
  - 12 Precious stone (5)



**Answers to Crossword No: 23**

**Across:** 1 Frightful, 7 Foolish, 9 Swan, 10 Hart, 11 Retie, 12 Mesa, 13 Rear, 14 Topic, 15 Loci, 17 Lava, 19 Solomon, 20 Unsadness.  
**Down:** 2 Iron Rations, 3 Hilltop Road, 4 Fisher Close, 5 Nash Mills, 6 Water Lane, 7 Fa, 8 Ha, 16 Cs, 18 An.

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 and other social events (including  
 partners) are also arranged.  
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 Dr. Linda Parker  
 15 Feb: 'Before CHERNOBYL – Nuclear  
 Accidents the World has Forgotten,'  
 Nick Brazil  
 15 Mar: 'The History of Royal Flying,'  
 Graham Laurie  
 19 Apr: 'Easter, Pagan Eostra to our  
 Easter,' Colin Oakes

Contact the secretary, John Addy,  
 on 07477 900290 or 19jca41+v@  
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**Public Information**

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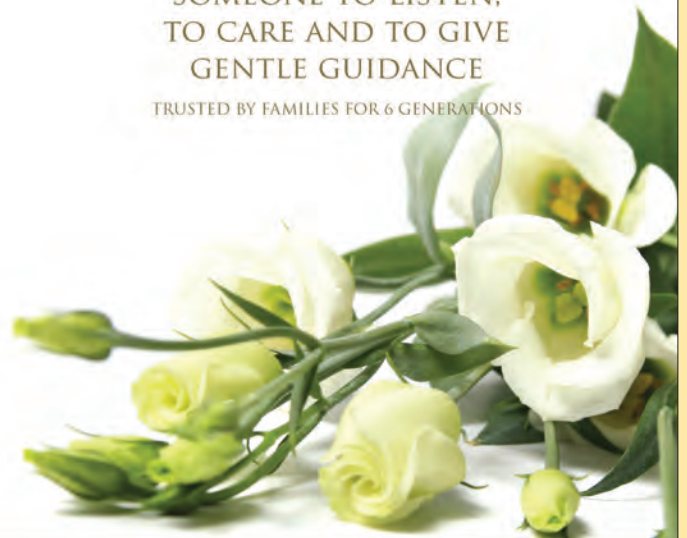


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