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Carnival marks the start of summer once more



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The Carnival reverted to its usual Midsummer slot in June when hundreds of locals descended on Kings Langley Common to celebrate the return of the annual village tradition.

After the pandemic and a successful Autumn Carnival last year, it was time once again for organisations in the area to promote their activities, businesses to show off their wares, performers to strut and sing their stuff, and for the community to get out and enjoy everything the Carnival had to offer.

The final week before the Carnival was not without incident as both the Community Choir and the regular MC were forced to withdraw due to Covid. Fortunately, Ian Byrne, a singer with

the Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company, stepped forward to fill the vacant slot and perform as MC.

The Carnival welcomed back the Skehill Irish Dancers to join the regular line up of the primary and senior school singers, the Dance Place, Salsa Tropicana, the Revelation Majorettes and the Chevtones.

Carol Chandler, Carnival Committee Chairman, said 'There is always a lot of music at the Carnival to keep every age group entertained throughout the afternoon, but this year there was a great opportunity to sing and dance along to the catchy songs of newcomers MJ Music as well as familiar favourites.'

As ever, there was a staggering number of activities to enjoy for youngsters of all ages including the ever-popular

dog show and a free-for-all Tug of War for anyone who wanted to take up the challenge and have a go.

'We are very grateful to our generous sponsors, the many local businesses who donated raffle prizes and Imagination Technologies who sponsored waste collection and recycling to ensure the Common was litter free,' added Carol. 'We are now inviting local organisations to apply for a grant from the Carnival funds. Please send any applications to kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com by 1 September stating what the funds would be used for.'



Carnival first-timers Christopher and Kim brought their Woodstock Home & Play wares to the common

The committee will be organising a presentation evening in the Autumn to thank all those who took part and distribute funds – and start making preparations for next year's Carnival!

The Carnival is organised and run by a small group of locals who are always looking for some extra help, either for planning during the year or on the day itself. Please email kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com or visit the Kings Langley Carnival on Facebook to find out more.

1st Abbots Langley scouts Emma, Rob and Rose had a smashing time manning the crockery-breaking stall as part of their effort to raise £3,500 each to allow them to take part in the World Jamboree 2023 in South Korea



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Christian Aid Week sees village raise thousands for charity

Generous residents of Kings Langley raised a staggering £4,600 for Christian Aid in their annual House to House fundraising drive.

The collection takes place every year during Christian Aid Week and forms a core part of the charity's activities. As well as asking for donations door to door, a coffee morning was held at Christ Church Baptist, while special thanks were given to the team at The Langley Butcher who hosted a red bucket as a place for people to make their donations.

Paul Tucker, chairman of Christian Aid in Kings Langley, said 'Many people shared in distributing envelopes and collecting them afterwards and once again we appreciate both the gifts that were given and the generosity and friendliness of those we met on the doorstep.'

'The collection took place against the backdrop of the atrocities in Ukraine, and we recognise that many also contributed to this appeal.'

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Village pays respects to Oscars' Russo

Italian flags were displayed across shop fronts the length of the high street after the death of Oscar's Pizza Co. founder Antonio Russo was announced in June.

The restauranter and award-winning artist passed away on 15 June after battling cancer for more than three years. The pizzeria was closed for two days as a mark of respect.

Tony, as he was known, had handed the restaurant to his son – and its namesake – Oscar while he was ill but his eye-catching artwork still adorns the walls.

His work has been shown at art galleries the world over, from The Louvre in Paris to Miami's Art Spectrum, and he was named Best New Artist 2014 and Best Selling Published Artist 2016 by the Fine Art Trade Guild.

Describing his style as 'abstract expressionism', more recently Tony sold some pieces in aid of worthy causes, including the NHS and The Brain Tumour Charity.

Tony was a keen musician and would paint in response to pieces of music – anything from classic rock to rap. A former music producer, he had worked with well-known performers including Pink and Kanye West.





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Kerry takes on year-long roller skating fundraiser

A Kings Langley mum who has watched three members of her family battle cancer has undertaken a challenge to roller skate every day for a year in a bid to raise money for two charities.

Kerry Pearson took up the challenge in response to the helplessness she felt after her mother-in-law, Liz, was diagnosed with terminal cancer just months after her father-in-law, Anthony, died of a brain tumour. She is now hoping to raise at least £1,000 for both Cancer Research UK and Sarcoma UK.

Kerry said 'The past year or two has been incredibly difficult – watching people we love suffer so much and not being able to do anything about it – so it was important to me to find a way to make a tiny bit of a difference. My dad has also come through two cancer diagnoses so it's something very much at the front of my mind.'

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Kerry undertakes much of her daily practice in the early hours or evenings which, with two small children, requires organisation, discipline and endless support from her husband, Andy.

And as she gets to grips with the more complex aspects of roller skating she is chronicling her progress on Instagram – something that is proving just as much of a challenge.

She said 'The best way to raise awareness and drive donations to my chosen charities is to record it all on social media but that's harder than the skating. I'm a perfectionist about the content I post and then it can be disheartening when it feels like not many people are viewing the videos. I spend ages second guessing the algorithms in the hope it will land well and reach more people.'



Kerry launched the challenge with a heartfelt video on Instagram, which took her days to pluck up the courage to film. She said 'It was difficult to be so open and emotional on a social media platform but I felt it was important that people understood my motivations. I'm hopeful that people will be understanding and supportive of the challenge I've taken on and choose to make a donation as I continue on my skating journey.'

And Kerry's mother in law, Liz, who is receiving respite care in Harrogate, is behind the challenge – despite her natural concerns.

Kerry said 'She is supportive but worries about me hurting myself. I have shown her a few videos and she says 'How fun!' – apart from the ones where I've fallen and then she frowns and tells me to be careful because I'm precious! I think she understands this is me doing something to try to help, even though none of us can help her. She used to roller skate when she was younger and retells her skating adventures with a smile.'

To follow Kerry's progress find her on Instagram [@kes_skates](#) To donate to Cancer Research visit [justgiving.com/kerry-skates](#) and to [Sarcoma UK justgiving.com/fundraising/kes-skates](#)

Everybody needs Good Neighbours, and Geoff's just that!



It is often said, 'If you want something done, ask a busy person!'

That is certainly true of Good Neighbours' volunteer, Geoff Pulfer (*above*). Not only is he one of the group's regular volunteer drivers taking people to a variety of appointments, often at short notice, but he also drives twice a month for the Tuesday Lunch Club.

This service is much appreciated by the diners, most of whom rely on transport to attend, enjoy the meal, and most of all value the company. After Geoff – a Hemel Hempstead resident – has escorted his passengers into the hall for Lunch Club, he usually spends the intervening time exploring different parts of the village.

The association relies hugely on the service Geoff and others like him offer as they willingly wait while their passengers receive treatment at the various medical facilities they visit. In fact, some local veterans have entertaining stories to tell as they travel along, so the benefit isn't only one way!

If you would like to join the Good Neighbours team of drivers, Lunch Club helpers, gardeners or visitors, don't hesitate to get in touch on 07790 668672 or, for the Lunch Club, 07527 907128.



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Older guests – and drivers – sought for tea party

A charity dedicated to combating loneliness and social isolation among older people is inviting Kings Langley residents to join its monthly tea parties.

Re-engage is looking for guests aged 75 and over to join its regular Sunday meetings where there is the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones.

Janice Fairfield, the area's tea party group coordinator, said 'Many older people have lost the confidence to go out since the Covid pandemic, which is why our events are so important to them. We must do all we can to encourage them to come along and re-build friendships.

'Life can be extremely lonely for some older people. One of our guests, who is in his 90s, hadn't been out of his house for 18 months until he came to one of our tea parties. He enjoyed himself tremendously, as they all do. They just want to mix with their peers and talk about things that are familiar to them.'

In addition to guests, the group is also looking to expand its pool of volunteer drivers to help ferry people to and from the tea parties.

Janice added 'We usually have around ten guests who are driven to and from the tea parties. Mostly they are women – we would like to see more men coming along too.'

If you or someone you know might be interested in joining a tea party call freephone 0800 716 543 or email info@reengage.org.uk To volunteer call 0207 240 0630 or visit www.reengage.org.uk

Below: guests Shoishana and Patricia chat over tea and scones to volunteers Janice Fairfield and Tim Lark



Summer workshops from Kings Langley Musical Theatre Co.

Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company is holding Workshops over the summer months, which are open to members and non-members alike.

After a successful *West Side Story*-themed workshop at the end of May, further workshops are scheduled on the afternoons of 31 July, 21 August and 18 September.

Each workshop costs £10 for adults and £5 for 8 – 16yr olds and will run from 2 – 5pm. Book your place in advance by contacting anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com or klmtc@outlook.com

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It's off to Oz for dance school pupils after two year wait

A theatre full of proud families was invited to take a walk down the Yellow Brick Road recently when a Kings Langley-based dance school performed *Somewhere over the Rainbow*.

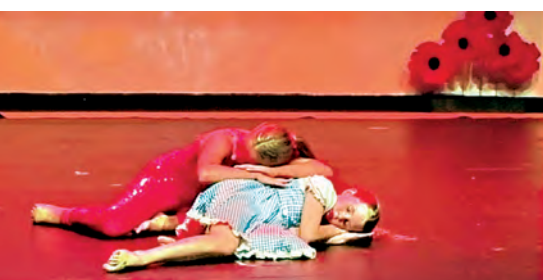
Students ranging in age from two and a half to 17 performed a *Wizard of Oz*-themed show, featuring everything from ballet to street dance and commercial dance.

The youngsters were all pupils of LD Dance Company, which meets at a number of locations including Kings Langley Scout Hut every Saturday, and had been rehearsing their dances for several months.

The show was originally conceived in late 2019 by the school's principal Lisa Russell, but was put on hold throughout the pandemic.

Lisa said 'It was an incredibly emotional moment seeing the curtain go up after everything that has happened since I originally choreographed the show way back before Covid hit. My dancers worked so hard to put on a truly beautiful show and I could not be more proud of them.'

'I want to thank not only every single performer for their hard work and dedication but also all the families who have been such a great support over a difficult couple of years.'



Celebrating the fastest families in Kings Langley



Left: Ken Hodgson of Hemel Cycling Club presented a medal to Sarah Dalton's son Jack for first male to finish the 1.5k event

The Kings Langley Puffaten marked a triumphant return after a two-year absence.

A bright, sunny morning saw a host of volunteers including Hemel Cycling Club, Kings Langley and Bennetts End Explorers and Scouts, South West Herts Radio Comms (Raynet), Midshires Search and Rescue, Comets Road Running Club and a number of local residents came together to re-launch this event.

Whilst it was the Club runners' times that inevitably caught the eye, there were other remarkable results. None more so than Sarah Dalton who was the first female in the 10k event – and son Jack who was the first male in the 1.5k. They can rightfully lay claim to the title 'Fastest Family in the Village'.

That said, the fastest brother and sister has to be Basil and Zoe Guibere who both finished first in their respective categories and three sisters Ellie, Chloe and Lora Bainbridge who all had top three finishes. It summed up a memorable, fun morning which raised funds for the school and local good causes.

Brad Parkins once again collected the Founders Trophy (donated by the family of John Cherry who started the event) as the fastest villager.

'Hats off to Simon Fraser who won the 10k event – he managed to overtake the lead cyclist at the finish on the 'Coniston Road Climb' in a remarkable time of 34.50,' enthused race organiser, Alan Johnson.

'Both Simon and Sarah were pushed all the way by a strong field which ensured we were able to do the presentations around 11am and head off to enjoy Father's Day!'

KLS boosts its green credentials with new recycling scheme

A new paper recycling scheme has been launched at Kings Langley School thanks to a number of financial donations from the council and a local business.

The scheme is the brainchild of head students Scarlett Mangan and James Deayn (*pictured right*), and has seen 15 paper recycling bins placed in key rooms around the school such as the library and reprographics.

The initiative was made possible thanks to an environmental award granted by Kings Langley Parish Council, which carried a prize of £200, and a further environmental grant of £250. Scarlett and James also reached out to Imagination Technologies who made a further donation to fund the project, taking the total amount raised to £750.

The money has meant a further 81 bins can now be bought which will ensure the entire school can be catered for.



The paper will be transported to Apsley Paper Mill to be recycled, meaning that not only will all the school's paper be recycled sustainably but, thanks to the proximity of the mill to the school, their recycling carbon footprint will be reduced by over 95%.

Scarlett and James undertook the project as a way to make changes to help tackle the looming effects of the climate crisis. They are continuing to do what they can to make Kings Langley School a more sustainable place and have their sights set on providing plastic bottle bins next!

Kings Langley celebrates



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Village plants commemorative Jubilee tree

The village now has a lasting reminder of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee thanks to the planting of a new tree in the Village Garden.

A Tibetan Cherry was planted in a dedication ceremony on 5 June during the village's celebrations, overseen by Revd Matthew Cooper, of Christ Church Baptist, Father James McDonald of All Saints, and Cllr. Howard Button.

It replaces a tree lost in storms earlier this year.

Kings Langley showed off its community spirit over the Jubilee weekend when hundreds of people turned out for street parties to mark the occasion.

Trestle tables were assembled, union jacks raised and red, white and blue balloons inflated across the village for the special weekend, which culminated in a Village Garden party.



Right: Osbourne Avenue had a splendid street party organised by Mandy and Terry Hoyle. Chris Clark was on hand with entertainments. Below: Brenda Riddick and Jan Boggis tucked into scones served by Caroline in The Nap



Above : Residents of York Close enjoyed a street gathering with a BBQ (spot the guest of honour with Harold Taylor!) coordinated by Quentin Ross-Smith. Below: The Waterside Centre held an afternoon tea party with 'Queenie' selfies and live entertainment from the Ukerhythms



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Right: Our local firefighters attended the festivities in the Village Garden where 1st Apsley Squirrels James Bowtell and Elliot Yates were lucky enough to be shown around the fire engine



Left: The bowls club tombola was busy – prizes were donated by club members with nearly £200 being raised for the club and a donation to church funds



Right: Rucklers Lane partied on the Green – Sue, Celia, Tash and Sarah led the Okie Kokie with Celia awarded 'Best Dancer' prize by compère Bob Best, who also supplied the music



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DENS 'blown away' by Go Yellow Week support

Supporters of the charity DENS went yellow in abundance for a week in June as part of the organisation's latest fundraising initiative.

Businesses, schools and community groups were encouraged to Go Yellow for DENS for the week commencing 20 June, donate £1 to DENS, and share their efforts on social media using the hashtag #DENSGoYellow

The money raised will help rebuild the lives of people in Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

And, as the charity's borough-wide feedback faces low stock due to an unprecedented surge in demand, the public was also urged to collect and donate items from their list of much-needed items.

Charlotte McCarthy, Relationship & Community Fundraiser at DENS, said 'We've been completely blown away by the fantastic response for Go Yellow Week around the community. Whether it was yellow school non-uniform days, selling delicious yellow cupcakes or knitting the town yellow with cute postbox toppers, our fantastic supporters have once again gone above and beyond to help raise vital funds and awareness for DENS.'

The DENS Foodbank high needs list can be found at www.dens.org.uk/high-needs-list

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Bookworms invited to 2022 Reading Challenge

Keen young readers are being called upon to register for the Kings Langley Community Library's annual Reading Challenge, which gets underway this month.

Children of all ages are invited to come along to the library in The Nap to collect a printed pack and learn how to access the challenge online. As they read their chosen books they will receive stickers to add to a special progress poster.

The theme for the 2022 Reading Challenge is based on *The Gadgeteers*, a group of children with interests in Science and Technology.

Every child who completes the challenge will be invited to a presentation to collect their certificate and medal in person. Last year 115 children joined the challenge – a target organisers are hoping to smash this year!

For more information on the Reading Challenge pop into the library.

Residents get crafty for Ukraine

Residents at Friars Mead care home have been getting creative to support Ukraine, raising over £250 for charity.

Thanks to the creativity of 94 year old resident Sylvia Russell, a group have been busy making and selling blue and yellow pin badges in aid of the Ukraine Appeal.

The pins and a collection box were placed next to a recently created Ukraine 'thoughts and prayer' tree, and



staff, residents and visitors have been picking up their badges to support the cause. Within 12 hours the pins were a sell out so the activity was extended for a further two weeks, with one staff member even selling the pins at her local pub.

Lindsey Mills, activity co-ordinator at Friars Mead, oversaw the crafting, saying 'It was quite a military operation and residents were fascinated with the glue gun!'

In total £263 was raised. Sylvia said 'I was so chuffed and proud at the amount of money that we raised for such a worthy cause.'

The Kings Langley Community Library volunteers are appealing for book donations for their ongoing 'For Sale' trolley, and stall at the monthly Village Market. All proceeds from these book sales go back into the library so donations are gratefully received. There is currently a particular demand for children's books. Anyone with books to donate can drop them in at the library during opening hours.

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Friars Mead farewells...

The community at Friars Mead have said a number of goodbyes recently as they bid farewell to three members of staff (pictured below) who are retiring.

Senior Carer Tina Southcott, together with the office team duo of Clare Alderson and Linda Wilson, have all taken a well-deserved retirement after a collective 60 years working at the care home.

They were treated to an evening social event where they were swamped with flowers, gifts and an abundance of cards from staff and residents who wanted to express their gratitude for their hard work and dedication.



Kings Langley FC back to Southern Central League

After the historic survival win in the last game of the season, where Kings Langley beat Salisbury 2-0 to maintain their step 3 existence, the post-season period has been busier than ever.

It started with the news that after only one year in the Southern league, the KINGS have been shuffled across to the Southern Central league, where two seasons ago they reached seventh place with games in hand before the early closure of the league for Covid reasons. This bodes well for the forthcoming season, although the fans will inevitably miss some of the away trips to Devon and Dorset.

The KINGS have moved fast to agree extensions with some of last year's players as they build for next season. This has included the extension of club legend Jorell Johnson's contract with the club, plus contracts for Alex Lafleur, Alie Bangura, Jamie Jellis, Aryan Taj, Bradley Wadkins and Harry Crawford.

In addition the KINGS have strengthened the squad with a new signing from Hemel Hempstead in James Kaloczi, who will bring higher league experience to the club.

The KINGS have arranged an exciting looking pre-season including home friendlies against Southend United (9 July, 3pm), St Albans (26 July, 7.45pm), Biggleswade Town (30 July, 1pm) and finishing with a home match against a Watford XI (2 August, 7.45pm). The first league match will take place on Saturday 6 August.

If you would like to join the excitement next season, then there are season tickets on sale now.



For more information see kingslangleyfc.co.uk or the club's Twitter page [@KLFCofficial](https://twitter.com/KLFCofficial). Do also check out the new supporters group on Twitter [@KLFCsupporters](https://twitter.com/KLFCsupporters)



Local volunteers receive Queen's Award

A number of volunteers at Watford Social Centre for the Blind have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The club, many of whose members and volunteers come from Kings Langley, provides a social support club for those with a visual impairment and this year marked its 71st anniversary.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on 2 June, the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation.

Six representatives from the group will receive the award crystal and certificate from Robert Vos, Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, later this summer while two volunteers from the charity will attend a garden party

at Buckingham Palace in May 2023.

Jenny Marsh, chairman of the Trustees and Lead Volunteer, said 'I'm absolutely delighted that our group's work has been recognised. Over the last 71 years our volunteers have worked so hard to make the club a fun, happy and vibrant place for our members.

'My late grandmother, Rene Milton started the club in the 1950s and was succeeded by my late mother Susan Harper in the 1990s. They, and I, have been helped by numerous selfless volunteers who give up so much of their time to ensure our members are supported and feel included in our community. We're extremely proud to be the recipients of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.'

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Green Belt grab

Cala Homes has submitted a planning application for 135 additional new homes on Green Belt land at Rectory Farm. Despite the community inducements offered, our roads, schools and health facilities are already stretched, and Cala's proposals will make this much worse.

When Dacorum published its draft Local Plan (since withdrawn) it anticipated 119 new dwellings in Kings Langley over 19 years. In the last two years planning applications for 131 dwellings have been submitted or approved; with Cala Homes development on Green Belt and the proposed 134 homes on London Road, this is far too many.

In addition, Three Rivers have approved a further 136 dwellings on the village border and indicated it will designate Numbers Farm (Green Belt) – currently accessed off Station Road – for 890 new homes.

And what of the offer of 'Affordable Housing'? This is only available to people on the council housing register.



To use the Miller Homes 55 homes as an example: 35% are affordable, so 14 flats will be provided at an Affordable Rent level (up to 80% of the market rental value in this area) with five dwellings being provided on Shared Ownership conditions (purchased by the tenant). These homes will be owned and managed by Watford Community Housing Association.

In terms of purchase price Miller sold 2-bed houses for £500k and 3-bed houses for £600k.

To find out more about the Rectory Farm application, go to the Dacorum Planning portal by using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/RectoryFarmGreenBelt> – click on the documents tab to view the attachments associated with the application. The key document to read is the Planning Statement. The application reference is 22/01836/MFA.

Kings Langley Parish Council have stated they are predisposed to object to all Green Belt developments.

Left: Aerial view of Rectory Farm before construction



Parish Councillor Alan Johnson named Deputy Mayor

Village stalwart Alan Johnson has been elected Deputy Mayor of Dacorum, some five years after the last mayoral position was held by someone from the village.

Alan, who is also a member of both Kings Langley Parish Council and a borough councillor, will be a familiar face to many in and around Kings Langley, organising the monthly community gardening and Parish Council surgery sessions in the Village Garden, and the monthly community litter picks.

He is also chairman of the governing body at Kings Langley Primary School and of 1st Kings Langley Scouts.

As deputy mayor Alan will support newly elected mayor John Birnie, who is the borough councillor for Adeyfield East.

Alan said 'I'm tremendously proud and honoured to have been elected Deputy Mayor and I'm looking forward to raising funds for John's chosen charity, Dacorum Community Trust, and making a lot of new friends over the next 12 months.'

Alan was nominated for the role by Alan Anderson, his fellow Dacorum Borough Councillor representing Kings Langley. Alan (Anderson) said 'I am delighted with this appointment. I was very pleased to nominate Alan J for the role, as it is a fitting appointment for somebody who does so much for the local community.'

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Sing and Swing with Silver Band and Community Choir

Two musical groups are joining forces for a special concert that promises to set the church rafters ringing this month.

Kings Langley Community Choir is combining with Chinnor Silver Band for a concert which will deliver big sounds, familiar melodies and a grand finale to the summer season.

The *Sing & Swing* concert on Friday 15 July is part of the month-long Abbots Langley Festival and will take place in St Lawrence Church on the High Street. Advance tickets are available from Over The Moon in Abbots Langley or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/kings-langley-community-choir

Katie Teage, Musical Director of the Community Choir, said 'This is a really exciting new direction for the Choir and on the evidence of rehearsals the church rafters will be ringing. I'm sure the audience will love it.'

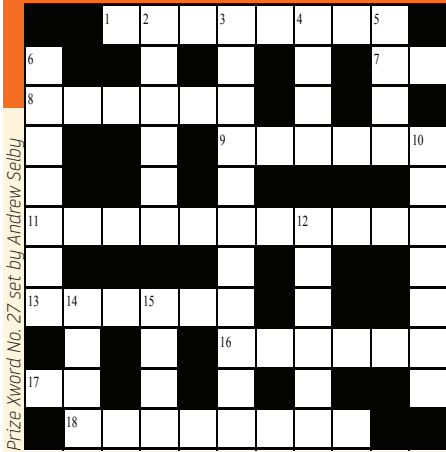
It has been a busy season for the choir, who in mid-May entertained a large midday audience on the Main Stage at the Rickmansworth Festival, having performed earlier in the year at Beaconsfield Festival of Choirs.

Below: The Community Choir taking to the Main Stage at Rickmansworth



Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat for this issue is a **£20 voucher to spend in Kings Langley Fish Bar**. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 12 August 2022. Good luck!



Prize Xword No. 27 set by Andrew Selby



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Clare James Health Foods, a family-run business in the village since the 1980s, kindly donated our Xword no.26 prize of vouchers for £20. Our happy winner, Gordon Bates, said 'I'm looking forward to using my vouchers in this shop - it's a great resource for the village'. Here he is pictured being presented with his win by manager Lewis Johnstone.

Answers to Crossword No: 26

Across: 1 Wander Wharf, 5 Pruning, 7 Ozone, 8 Serif, 9 Dread, 11 Owing, 12 Bunkers, 13 Denominator.

Down: 1 Watford Road, 2 Elude, 3 Weirs, 4 Firefighter, 5 Proverb, 6 Gerbils, 10 Denim, 11 Ocean

Across

- 1 Check if we have locked up, to find this hidden Village road! (8)
- 7 Preposition (2)
- 8 Regain (6)
- 9 A Mews named after the First Duke of York who lived in the Village (1341-1402) (6)
- 11 Unwise (11)
- 13 A sign of the zodiac (6)
- 16 Pungent vegetables (6)
- 17 A Greek letter (2)
- 18 A Village road or is it a Northern lake? (8)

Down

- 2 Exist in large numbers (6)
- 3 Quick and efficient (11)
- 4 Mature female reproductive cell (4)
- 5 Type of furnace (4)
- 6 A professional author's day-job (7)
- 10 Object formed by pouring molten metal into a reusable mould (3-4)
- 12 Japanese martial art (6)
- 14 A long film portraying an extended period or heroic deeds (4)
- 15 It takes a bit of silicon to make this computer symbol! (4)

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Singing

Kings Langley Community Choir
Christ Church Baptist, The Nap.
Every Tuesday evening (term time) 7.30pm – 9.00pm.
No audition or prior experience needed.
Contact Pat Waterton on 07714 701316 or email patwaterton@gmail.com

Computing

Using computers.
Frogmore Paper Mill & Visitors' Centre, Fourdriner Way, Apsley.
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Fridays 10.30am – 1pm. Free admission
Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane
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.
Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm
Telephone 01923 261828 or email klpc@dacorum.gov.uk

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Short Mat Bowls

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
A friendly group who play all year round. New members welcome.
Every Wednesday morning 11.15am. – 1.15pm.
£3.70 for members of Everyone Active, £4.70 for non-members (first time is free). All equipment supplied.

Jazz

Kings Langley Jazz Club
Kings Langley Services Club Theatre Bar
5 High Street, Kings Langley WD4 8BJ
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Every Tuesday night 8.15pm.
Visitors welcome.
See posters for details or telephone 01923 262982

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Come along and see what we offer.
For further information contact Barbara Elman at barbaraelman@hotmail.co.uk

Kings Langley Library opening times

Monday	9am – 5pm
Tuesday	2pm – 5pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	2pm – 5pm
Friday	9am – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm



Now back to face to face meetings, PROBUS is a club for retired men meeting at Kings Langley Cricket Club every third Tuesday in the month at 10am, with a speaker and coffee.

Occasional excursions, dinners and other social events (including partners) are also arranged.

Future speakers and subjects

19 July: 'History of Cassiobury Park,' Paul Rabbits
16 Aug: 'The Job of a Laughtime,' Brad Ashton
20 September: 'England's Bread Hangs by a Thread,' Michael Hindley
18 October: 'The Changing Life of the Chilterns,' John Tyler

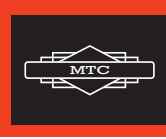
Contact the secretary, John Addy, on 07477 900290 or 19jca41+v@gmail.com for further information.

Tiny Tots

All Saints Church Hall
A stay and play group for 0 – 4 year olds.
Every Wednesday in term time 10.00am – 11.30am.
£1.50 suggested donation.
For more information email allsaintsklsafeguarding@gmail.com

Social

Kings Langley Evergreen Club
Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
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