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zdorov'ya! Hope for a brighter New Year

The past 12 months have seen the lives of every single Ukrainian change beyond measure, with Putin's war killing thousands and displacing millions more.

But for a small fraction of people refuge has been found in the homes of Britons who opened their doors to those fleeing the fighting, offering safety and sanctuary when it was needed most.

Six months ago the British government launched the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, and within weeks more than 100,000 people from Ukraine had arrived in the UK. And, of course, Kings Langley has been no exception to the towns and villages welcoming new residents.



Cordelia and Lilia unite the flags



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Above; The families gathered at The Old Palace; Marguerite, Andrew, Youlia, Misha, Lilia and Cordelia raise a toast to better times ahead. Right; a visit to Buckingham Palace.



Village News caught up with two such newly-formed households to find out about their experiences and impressions so far.

After applying to be hosts through the Government website, Marguerite and Andrew Selby welcomed Youlia and Misha, a couple in their twenties, in June 2022, while Cordeila Bryan opened her home to Misha's parents, Lilia and Mykola.

The host point of view

Both host families are hugely positive about the arrangement.

Marguerite said 'I saw a notice on *Nextdoor Kings Langley* asking for a host family to help out. As we'd put our names down months

earlier but had heard nothing, we volunteered to have them.

'We had the space and wanted to help so it was a very easy decision to make and, six months on, we're so pleased we were able to help.'

Cordelia describes the arrangement as a 'definite win/win'. She said 'The hardest part was the initial arrival where neither of my guests spoke any English so I was the go-to person for all their needs – registering for doctor; food banks; admin for universal credit and so on. Someone likened this to being responsible for newborns who rely on the carers for everything.

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'I decided to open my home to Ukrainians after the sudden death of my husband in February last year, and it was initially overwhelming at times, navigating their needs alongside my own grief and need to mourn.'

The guest perspective

Youlia told us she never believed they'd find a family to live with when they flew to Luton. 'It really happened. Andrew and Marguerite perfectly received us and prepared everything for our comfort – we were very pleased and appreciate it so much.'

Youlia and Misha lived in Lviv, a city close to the Polish border. Youlia managed a bakery while Misha was studying to be a doctor. Today, Youlia is studying to be a hairdresser while her partner is working as a massage therapist. He is undertaking additional courses at West Herts College to grow his skill base.. The couple also study English at the college for 12 hours a week, and work part time at The Grove.

Youlia said 'The hardest part is with the language, but we learned English



PHOTO: ANDREW SELEY

Misha, Mykola, Lilia and Youlia took in the sights of London last summer

in Ukraine and over six months our hosts say that our English is much better. Other than that, public transport can be very difficult – a bus sometimes takes two hours to arrive, and there are train strikes, but we are used to it!

New friendships forged

Marguerite describes Youlia and Misha as 'the perfect guests', saying she considers them as friends now. She said 'They are thoughtful, kind, trustworthy and help out where they can. They looked after our house – and cat – while we were in Australia for a month recently. We initially signed up for six months but we are very happy for them to stay until they can afford

their own accommodation and find permanent jobs.'

Cordelia, who has also extended her invitation to a year minimum, added 'While Mykola has not really mastered the language – and appears to have given up his lessons – Lilia and I have become close friends. We have discovered we all like nature, and both Lilia and Mykola accompanied me wild swimming during the summer months.'

With the war in Ukraine showing no signs of abating, the experiences of not only Mykola, Lilia, Youlia and Misha but also of Marguerite, Andrew and Cordelia have been a rare glint of sunshine in an otherwise bleak situation. As the new year breaks, these two families have the opportunity for a brighter future in Kings Langley.

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A feasibility study is being conducted to ascertain whether the canal could be used to heat homes near Tooveys Mill and around.

Residents are being encouraged to participate in the study, which is being organised by local company Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE) thanks to an RCEF grant.

Findings from the study will be presented to Kings Langley residents at a meeting in March. Local people are simply being asked to fill out a short survey into their energy use. They can do this by visiting www.heatingkingslangley.guce.org.uk/get-involved.

Meanwhile GUCE is still looking for ten streets (50-60 homes) in the village to sign up to Transition Streets, an energy-saving initiative that was last run in Kings Langley in 2014/5.

The project would involve a series of workshops – some overseen by a member of GUCE – with residents meeting every two to three weeks to cover five key topics: Energy, Water, Transport, Food, and Waste. There is a comprehensive workbook to help with activities and information for all groups to follow. It is all completely free.

To find out more visit www.guce.org.uk

Cllrs Alan Johnson and Howard Button braved the cold to open the new Trim Trail. Below; contractors Adrian 'the Badger' Manifold and Matthew Johnson working on the construction



PHOTOS: BARRY KEMP

processes and the pandemic. Finally, it was ready for installation towards the end of November 2022 – but this ultimately successful mission was not without incident.

Patient villagers rewarded with outdoor gym

A 'Trim Trail' has been installed in the southern end of Green Park following a proposal for such a facility in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Some time ago the parish council pulled together a vision document which included a proposal for an outdoor gym. This proposal found its way into the Neighbourhood Plan under the policy for children and teenagers.

The proposal for a Trim Trail, essentially a low impact obstacle course to provide a series of simple physical challenges for children of all ages, then passed through the budget and planning

The first issue was the equipment itself which was delivered on the back of a low loader and deposited, by crane, into the Girl Guides' compound at the southern end of Green Park. Unfortunately, that wasn't supposed to happen and it took a little detective work by Paul Hier, the parish warden, to find a keyholder and obtain access.

The second problem was the lack of running water, which the workmen needed but had not been requested. Fortunately, Gary and Daphne Page of Blackwell Road, provided access to an outside water tap in their back garden and work was able to start.

'This is a marvellous leisure opportunity in Kings Langley for a little light exercise,' explained Council Chair Howard Button. 'It's also been funded solely by the Parish Council in response to an identified need.'

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Druglink raises money for two community defibrillators

Staff at Kings Langley-based substance misuse charity Druglink have run a half marathon to raise funds for a life-saving community defibrillator – and were rewarded with community funding for a second.

The challenge was undertaken after tests found lives could be lost if the existing provision of equipment was relied on exclusively. The defibrillator units are both housed outside – one at their head office on Red Lion Lane and the second at Oxygen Recovery, Druglink's residential rehabilitation service in Apsley.

After safety tests at Oxygen Recovery, the Druglink team realised that in the time it took them to get to the nearest defibrillator and back, they could have lost a life.

Oxygen Recovery is based in a residential location and is near a local church, meaning its defibrillator could be called on by many members of the local community, as well as the vulnerable people who rely on



the centre itself. It was therefore imperative the defibrillator was located somewhere as effective as possible.

A small group of staff decided to take on a half marathon to raise funds for one defib unit. During their fundraising campaign they were contacted by Cllr Adrian England, Hemel Town Division at Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), who was able to offer them community defibrillator funding.

The Druglink running team raised nearly £2,000 and, together with the £1,200 support from Councillor England at HCC, were able to purchase two community defibrillators through London Hearts, a charity that supports communities with the provision of this equipment.

Cllr England said 'There have been increasing numbers of these life-saving devices being installed inside particular buildings. However, I especially value Druglink's location and chose it because they made an AED site available externally, to help any person who needs it. This makes all the difference when the Ambulance Service is saving a life and every second counts.'

Emma Kingham, Communications Officer for Druglink, who was one of the half marathon runners said 'There are more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year and the overall survival rate is less than 1 in 10. Every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by up to 10 per cent.

'Thank you to everyone who supported our half marathon and to Cllr England for offering us the community funds. We hope that the defibrillators never need to be used, but you can't put a price on the peace of mind and safety benefits that we hope they bring to the local community.'



Tombola raises £200 for St Laura's social fund

Managers at St Laura's, the care home in the High Street, have thanked residents for supporting their stalls at recent community events, which have helped raise £200 for residents' social activities.

A tea and coffee stall and a tombola at the Kings Langley Christmas Lights attracted many people and gave residents and staff the opportunity to engage with the local community.

Darcey Tromans, Engagement Lead at St Laura's said 'We were able to have some of our residents visit us on our stall for coffees and hot chocolate, which they drank while watching the local carol singers. For those who felt the High Street was a bit busy, there was also tea and coffees in our front garden. Here they could sit together and soak up the atmosphere

'Altogether we raised over £200 which will keep the Sherry Club going for a little while at least!'

Later on residents were able to enjoy the firework display, which was held in Green Park, from their windows. Darcey added 'We had a fantastic day and we are very lucky to have the wonderful community that we have in Kings Langley.'

Village votes overwhelmingly for Neighbourhood Plan

More than 900 votes were cast at the village-wide Neighbourhood Plan Referendum in November, where the vast majority voted with the Parish Council.

With a compelling 92% of the votes having been cast in favour of the plan it can now go to Dacorum Borough Council for ratification and incorporation in planning policy for Kings Langley.

John Morrish, the Parish Councillor heading up the Neighbourhood Plan team, said 'I am delighted that we had such a high turnout and have passed this phase of the plan with such great support from the village.

'Thanks to everyone who voted and we look forward to our plan being incorporated into DBC planning from early 2023.'

Senior School rewarded for Family Support services

Kings Langley School's commitment to Family Support services has been recognised by Hertfordshire County Council at their recent Children's Services Awards.

The School has long championed the early help provision of this service in Dacorum since its introduction over 15 years ago.

Rosemary Inskipp, pictured above, Student and Family Services Manager for Kings Langley and the Gade Schools Partnership, was recognised by the Directors of Hertfordshire Children's Services by receiving the Partner of the Year award.

She was nominated in the category by Hertfordshire County Council for her commitment to supporting families in Dacorum and fully embracing the Families First way of working.



Rosemary established and ran the Kings Langley and Gade Schools partnership since its inception and managed the service, delivering family support and pupil support services to 24 schools in Dacorum.

Rosemary added 'I was totally shocked but mostly humbled at having been given this award. I have been proud to manage the family support service for the local schools and I have worked with a truly inspirational team of people at Kings Langley and Gade Schools Family Support. I am grateful for the leadership and vision that Kings Langley School provided. This is truly a team award.'

Technology offers hope of tomb's body identification

The development of DNA technology may now mean it will be possible to discover the identity of the third body in the tomb of Edmund de Langley, first Duke of York and his wife Isabella of Castile, which is housed in All Saints Church.

This was the exciting news that greeted the full house who turned up for the latest of Kings Langley Community Library's successful evening talks,



Richard Garnett Harper with guest speaker Stuart Hastie

presented by Kings Langley Local History & Museum Society.

Visitors were treated to an enthralling evening as Scott Hastie, full time poet and erstwhile Kings Langley librarian and local historian, gave insights into several projects on which he is collaborating. These concern Kings Langley's extraordinary royal history, some of which still lies waiting to be discovered.

The third body was discovered in Victorian times when the tomb was moved. Encased in lead – as is customary for members of the Royal Family – it was in pristine condition and had beautiful auburn hair. Historians believe it to be the body of Anne de Mortimer, from whom the English monarchy since the 16th century can directly trace its lineage.

No work could be done on either the tomb or the land without permission from the owners of the site, but the required work is light touch and non-intrusive, which would provide a wealth of information for the historical record.

Festive highlight delights

If it's Christmas, it must be time to 'light up' the village – the High Street shops, the houses and gardens and, of course, the lamp-posts!

However, this year was the first time in three years that the High Street itself had been closed for the festivities, meaning the return of stalls and carnival rides, and once again performers gracing the impromptu stage to entertain the crowds.

The day started as it usually does with councillors leafleting to remind everyone the High Street would be shut to all traffic, moving barriers into position, installing gazebos and Santa's grotto (the elves had more important work that day) and dealing with the myriad of jobs and glitches that inevitably arise.

By 3pm the High Street was heaving with Christmas revellers young and old, and stalls and shops were doing a roaring trade in all sorts of goods and goodies. It was particularly pleasing to see local charities and organisations fundraising and drawing attention to their activities locally.

At 5pm, Santa Claus arrived to a tumultuous welcome to switch on the Christmas Lights adorning the lampposts the length of the High Street.

Councillor Alan Anderson added 'There was just time for an encore from the Community Choir, before everyone headed for Green Park to see the firework display. It was a colourful, noisy, joyous end to another highlight of the village calendar.'



Karen Wicks, charity shop manager – pictured here with volunteers Ann, Ellie, Elouise and Jill, was delighted to receive the Atkins Award for Best Christmas Themed Window.

Winners announced for ‘Best Christmas Themed Window’ and ‘Best Resident’s Display’



PHOTO: BEVERLEY ROSS

The High Street Christmas windows displays provided an attractive and dazzling spectacle throughout late November and December, as shoppers and shopkeepers alike got ready for the return of Santa.

Also returning was the ever-popular parish council ‘Atkins Award’ for the best High Street window display, with a wide variety of imaginative ideas on show.

The judges, Gerry Angiolini, Father James McDonald and his wife Rachel, along with Beverley Ross, were highly entertained by the attention-grabbing spectacle provided by all of those taking part. Unsurprisingly it took several perambulations along the High

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Street to finally pick a winner – The Hospice of St Francis Charity Shop.

‘The judges felt that the window reflected not just the season itself, but also the spirit of Christmas,’ explained Gerry.



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The team at Hospice of St Francis were presented with a cheque for £100, which is going to the charity, while Highly Commended awards went to Dream Doors, Lunch Box, Oscars, So Soft and Sweet as a Button.

A few weeks later and it was time for local residents’ own displays to be judged, with Susan and Alan Anderson joining Gerry and Beverley as judges. This time residents had a bigger canvas and were able to decorate gardens, trees, shrubs, lawns and their own dwellings to catch the eye of passers-by, with prizes awarded to the best.

‘This year the creativity demonstrated by local people was astonishing,’ said Alan Anderson. ‘The standard without exception was very high, and narrowing down those to select for special recognition proved a real challenge this year.’

The overall winners, from Abbots View, received £75, while six other displays were

Top left; the winning animated display in Abbots View. Above; Mason, Angela, Bailey, Saffy, Matt, Ottis with baby Ziggi, Chris and Molly the dog were happy to pose amongst their magnificent display on Five Acres. Right; 23 Osborne Avenue’s cheery lights

given special recognition as detailed below. A further 20 were commended.

Well done to everyone who made that extra effort to brighten our village!



Kings Langley Parish Council Residential Christmas Lights competition 2022 results

Winner:
38 Abbots View

Special mention:
24 Belham Road
18 Osborne Avenue
23 Osborne Avenue

Silverstone Lodge, Love Lane
16 & 17 Five Acres
21 Rectory Lane

Atkins Award for Best High Street Window Display

Winner: Hospice of St Francis
Highly Commended: Dream Doors, Lunch Box, Oscars, So Soft and Sweet as a Button.



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Doggo Doughnuts set to fund Borneo excursion

An entrepreneurial student from Kings Langley School has set up a business aimed at people who want to indulge their pet pooch in a bid to raise money for a special expedition.



Toby Gallagher is raising funds to go on a school volunteering trip to Borneo. However, instead of the usual sponsored walks and car washing, he decided to try something a bit more adventurous – selling dog doughnuts, delicious treats that he makes himself from scratch.

He said 'I need to raise £4,500, which is a huge amount of money. I didn't think I'd be able to do it by just doing just the usual fundraising events and things. We had a brainstorming session at home and landed on the idea of dog doughnuts.'


Toby's mum Gayle adds 'We did a lot of perfecting the recipe but nothing went to waste, with our dog as the happy quality controller. We've been very careful to use ingredients that are dog and digestion friendly.'

And in a positive sign Toby's stall at the Kings Langley Christmas fair sold out. 'We made and decorated over 200 doughnuts for that, and the whole family got involved,' he said.

If you would like to treat your dog and help Toby fundraise you can grab yourself a made-to-order box for £4.50 at www.doggodoughnuts.co.uk

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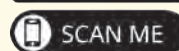
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KLS supports community with BSL video

Kings Langley School has shown its support to people with disabilities with a dedicated video and the appointment of two AccessAble Ambassadors.



The video, which can be watched via the QR code above, was made to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and shows staff and pupils signing their message of support.

The film – which includes some funny outtakes – was initiated, directed and produced by two sixth formers Samaira and Sahar, as part of their new student leadership roles.

Opening with Headteacher David Fisher, the video begins by saying 'Here at KLS we want to show our support in raising the importance of disability awareness around the world. As a school we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion regardless of your background.'

It closes with Principal Assistant Headteacher James Tubb saying, 'Participating in this video is a sign of our commitment and passion for making sure we represent students across the whole school community and young people no matter what the challenges they face.'



Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Get out in nature to boost physical and mental health

A local wildlife conservation charity is championing the value of nature for health and wellbeing, as many people start to think about a fitter and healthier 2023.

Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust are encouraging people to connect with the natural world through a range of New Year events and activities, and to experience wildlife close up at Nature Reserves throughout the region. Research shows that interactions with nature promote psychological restoration, improving mood and attention, as well as reducing stress and anxiety.

The research, conducted over a five-year period as part of their 30 Days Wild annual summer challenge, revealed remarkable results. The campaign invites everyone to do a nature-based activity every day for a month with the purpose of connecting us all to the natural world.

Professor Miles Richardson at the University of Derby surveyed 1,000 participants, measuring their connection to nature, health, happiness and the extent to which they engaged in pro-nature behaviours. The findings revealed:

- The daily activity made people significantly happier, particularly those who started with a relatively weak connection to nature.
- The challenge boosted the health of participants by an average of 30%.
- Increases in people's health and happiness were still felt two months after the challenge was over.
- The more connected to nature people feel, the more they will do something to help to protect it – behaviours that benefit wildlife, habitats and communities.

For ideas of how you can enjoy the nature in your immediate area visit hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

Lindsay takes on marathon challenge in show of sibling support

A personal trainer who runs HIIT classes from Nash Mills Village Hall has set herself her own fitness challenge by signing up to run her first marathon.

Lindsay Fisher, pictured right, is hoping to raise more than £2,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity in support of her brother who is battling the illness.

Lindsay has been braving icy weather, rain and snow in order to keep to her training schedule, and will be returning to her native Scotland for the Edinburgh marathon at the end of May.

She said 'I've always liked a challenge and I am fairly competitive but have never been massively into doing a marathon. However, I wanted to push myself out of my comfort zone and raise vital money for charity.'

'Brain tumours are the biggest cancer in under 40's and yet so underfunded – only 3% of cancer fundraising is spent researching them. There is no cure and we desperately need to find one.'

Lindsay's brother Dougie was 39 when he was diagnosed with a grade three brain tumour, two days after the birth of his daughter. He has gone through a year of chemotherapy followed by radiotherapy and is currently stable.

Lindsay said 'It will come back – vital research is what we can hope for to help find a cure or less invasive treatment.'

And Lindsay, who is hoping to cover the 26 miles inside four hours, has been inspired in her training by keeping those she is helping with her fundraising front of mind.

'Training in the snow has been far from fun but I figure if my brother and many others living with a brain tumour can keep going then I can certainly run in the cold', she said.

'It's hard to fit in round work and my two young children, but I am enjoying the clear mind it brings – which is a benefit I'm always raving about to my clients and the women who come to my classes!'

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Parish Council welcomes new clerk

Kings Langley Parish Council has welcomed a new parish clerk as the present incumbent retires after 17½ years. Caroline Owen is taking over this important village role from Paul Dunham, who is taking a well-earned break.

In his final role as clerk to the council, Paul has penned a few thoughts for *Village News*.

'I never thought as a teenager when I was putting agendas on the noticeboard in the village for Mr Kinloch the Chemist, who was on the Parish Council at the time, that 50 years later I would be producing the agenda myself.

'Having been born in Kings Langley I have enjoyed looking into its history and taken an interest in how the village has developed over time. I would like to think I have left the council and the village in a better state now than then, with more planting, new troughs in the High street and better Christmas lights.

'Among my own personal highlights are developing the relationship with our twin town Achiet-le-Grand and the history of Christopher Cox as well as reinstating the Remembrance Service on 11 November.

'It's been such an enjoyable and varied time here and there's always been something to do or sort out. Work has ranged from giving out poo bags to preparing accounts for the internal and external auditors. Particular challenges included dealing with the county council for licences for the Christmas lights.

'I have enjoyed good relationships with the councillors and staff and will miss the intellectual conversations

and banter. However, I will be leaving it all in the very safe hands of the new clerk, Caroline Owen, the administrative assistant Beverley Ross and the warden Paul Hier.

'I have a keen interest in the natural world and am looking forward to walking more and developing my photographic skills, as well as looking after my grandchildren.'

Incoming clerk Caroline Owen said 'I look forward very much to taking on the role as Clerk to the Council for Kings Langley, albeit with large shoes to fill succeeding Paul Dunham. To serve the community and parish will be a privilege.'



Residents Association chairman in appeal to borough councils

As we enter a New Year, we hope it will be a good one for Kings Langley. We hope that both our local councils, Dacorum and Three Rivers, do the right thing for our village and start really working together to understand the impacts their decisions will have on our village.

For example, where they decide new housing will go, which they will publish in their next Local Plan drafts.

We hope they will realise how many new houses Kings Langley has already taken over recent years and that the answer to the housing shortage in this country is not to build new homes on our ever shrinking Green Belt.

We hope they can see the limitations of our infrastructure, schools and medical facilities and that even though we are in a sustainable location, that sustainability also has limitations.

We hope, perhaps vainly, that they will put aside politics and work for the good of the village. That they take note of the changes that the Government is putting into the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Last year the Kings Langley & District Residents Association, as part of the Three Rivers Joint Residents Association, along with other organisations across the country worked hard to lobby local councillors, Members of Parliament and the numerous Housing Ministers who came and went, to bring forth a better planning system: to not build on Green Belt but focus on brownfield; to build houses that are really needed and are affordable; to build the right numbers of houses, using up-to-date data, and

focusing on local need, not targets imposed by Central Government.

The message seems to be slowly getting through, but we need to be watchful and hold our elected representatives to account if they fail to protect the character and setting of our historic village. Our village must not become a town, or merge into Nash Mills or with Langleybury or with Abbots Langley or Bedmond.

As your Residents Association, we can only do so much. When it comes to the next Local Plan consultation stage, or when individual planning applications on our Green Belt are put forward, it is so important that villagers send in their comments, be it for or against. Only then will our Councils take notice of what we as a village really want. If you're still yet to make a New Year's resolution, how about 'I resolve to make sure Kings Langley evolves the way I want it to'.

Happy New Year to all.
– Gary Ansell, chairman of Kings Langley & District Residents Association

Village offers multitude of refuges from cold weather

A compendium of places where villagers can go for company, food and warmth this winter has been compiled to try and ease the seasonal challenges for many people.

Some groups are open to everyone, some specifically for older people or children, but all will offer a warm welcome at a very difficult time of year. People are being encouraged to share the information with friends or neighbours they think would benefit.

One volunteer said 'There are a number of challenges at the moment and we hope that, by circulating the information below, those in need will find sanctuary in various groups and meetings to help alleviate the worst of these ever-present hardships.'

Find Food and Warmth in Kings Langley this winter

Drop in, at All Saints Church Hall:
Coffee Morning, *Tuesday 10am-11.30am*
Tiny Tots, *Wednesday 10am-11.30am*
Supper Club at All Saints Church Hall, *Wednesdays 4pm-6pm.*

Drop in, at Christ Church Baptist:
Kings Coffee Shop, *Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10am - 12noon*
First Steps, *Thursday 10am.*
Well-being Café, *Thursday 10am-12noon.*

Book or Join:
Kings Langley Good Neighbours Lunch Club, *Tuesday lunchtime. For more information call 07527 907128*
Kings Langley Evergreen Club (over 55s), *Fortnightly on Thursday 2.30pm-4pm*
Contact Ann on *01923 267604*

Prize Xword

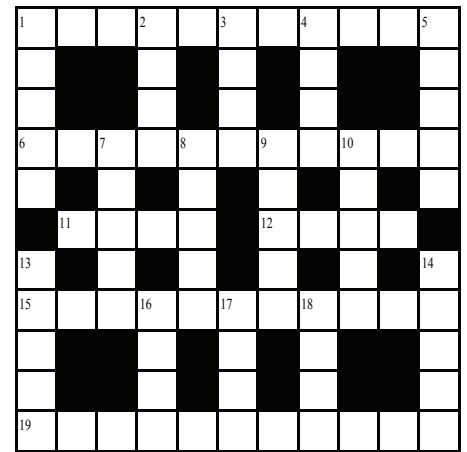
The prize for the first correct entry for this issue is **two bottles of wine**, kindly donated by the Kings Langley Services Club. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than **Friday 17 February.**

Across

- 1 Is taking a bow necessary for this Village cul-de-sac? (6,5)
- 6 An important Village road that runs between two other types of transportation (7,4)
- 11 Natural satellite (4)
- 12 When part of a patent comes to a head? (4)
- 15 Village cul-de-sac in the Great Park area (6,5)
- 19 Village farm located to the north of the RES wind-turbine (7,4)

Down

- 1 Very deep chasm (5)
- 2 Lift something heavy (4)
- 3 Perform an action again (4)
- 4 Wild animal's resting place (4)
- 5 Act of omitting a syllable when speaking (5)
- 7 Type of ring-shaped island located in warm oceans and seas (5)
- 8 Type of chemical bond hidden in a fashion icon? (5)
- 9 Charity focused on child protection (Abbrev.)
- 10 To be superior in action or performance (5)
- 13 European nation (5)
- 14 A kingdom (5)
- 16 You might find a middle eastern person in the middle of a parable! (4)
- 17 Always (4)
- 18 A common natural structure specialized for harnessing solar energy (4)



Prize Xword No. 30 set by Andrew Selby



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Gordon Bates (right) was the lucky winner of Xword no. 29 – he received his prize from John Bailey of a 50ml flacon of 'Memories EdP', a Perfumers Guild contemporary version of the classic colognes of yesteryear, presented with a scroll giving the history of the iconic Eau de Colognes originally created in 1709 by Farina in the city of Cologne.

Answers to Crossword No: 29
Across: 1 Great Park, 6 Amman, 8 Other, 10 Behavioural, 11 Oscars Pizza, 12 Linda, 13 Ernst, 14 Polynesia.
Down: 2 Anniversary, 3 Photosphere, 4 Bamboozle, 5 Brillante, 7 Mohican, 9 Horizon.



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 Community Centre, The Nap
 Saturday, 21 January
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 Entry will be £2 per adult, with a reduced
 charge for children under 14.

Social

Kings Langley Evergreen Club
 Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
 A social club for residents aged over 60.
 Varied programme of events.
 Alternate Thursday afternoons from
 2.30pm – 4.00pm.
 Contact Ann Martin on 01923 267604 or
 email anniedirectchoreo@hotmail.com



Singing

Kings Langley Community Choir
 Christ Church Baptist, The Nap, WD4 8ET
 Music for all – Pop, Folk, International, etc.
 Every Tuesday evening 7.30pm – 9.00pm.
 For further information contact Pat on
 07714 701316. Also see Facebook and
 www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk

Jazz

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

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

Local Produce Market

Village Garden, Church Lane.
 Food, crafts, books, cards, homemade
 cakes and refreshments and lots more.
 The Local Produce Market is held on the
 third Saturday of every month from
 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Women's Institute

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
 All welcome.
 Every second Tuesday monthly at
 7.30pm.
 For further information please
 contact Nova on 0787 661 4250 or
 Wendy on 01923 263348 or email
 kingslangleywi@gmail.com

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.
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 £4.70 for non-members (first time is
 free). All equipment supplied.

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 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 in 2023
 17 January: 'History of Cassiobury
 Park', Paul Rabbits
 21 February: 'The Job of a Laughtime',
 Brad Ashton
 21 March: 'England's Bread hangs by a
 Thread', Michael Hindley
 18 April: 'Air Miss', Jo Laurie

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

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.
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