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World beating – and record breaking – Carnival fun

Kings Langley Common was bathed in sunshine once again for this year's Carnival, as performers sang and danced, the BBQ was sizzling, the stalls were buzzing and the happy noise and laughter from the thousands of Carnival goers could be heard far and wide; you could have been forgiven for thinking this was just another fantastic Kings Langley Carnival.

But some things were different. For a start, Ian Golding, a local contestant on the TV programme *Next Level Chef*, opened the Carnival and then hosted his own stall. There were also a wide range of stall holders old and new selling their wares or raising awareness of their activities around the village.

However, it was the world record attempt to get 500 people dancing to the 1970's classic *Oops Upside Your Head* which was the major novelty. There were the inevitable worries before the event: Would the weather stay dry? Would enough people participate to try and break

the record? Would Guinness World Records recognise the attempt?

Carol Chandler, Carnival Chairman, said 'We were absolutely delighted that so many people got behind us and that everyone participating had such a great time and managed



PHOTOS: BARRY KEMP

There was plenty of support for the carnival's record-breaking attempt

to keep in sync! We hope we were successful with the 441 local people taking part and 'dancing' for all they were worth. They may soon have bragging rights for holding a world record, although while we know we had more people than the existing record of 406, all the details have to be ratified by Guinness in due course!

Elsewhere the crowds were entertained by Revelation Majorettes, the Community Choir, the Marginalia Quartet, Salsa Tropicana, the Primary School Choir, the Dance Place, the Out of Handers and Skehill Academy of Irish Dance. As usual, there was a lot of impromptu singing and dancing along to the fabulous performances from the stage.

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Village Garden transformation

The very cold spell over the winter, including a week of thick snow, took its toll on many gardens across the country – and the Village Garden was no exception.

More than sixty plants and shrubs – and two trees – were killed off in the Parish Council’s Village Garden adjacent to All Saints Church.

Councillor Alan Johnson, pictured above, said ‘We left everything in situ until early June but it became clear, to quote Monty Python, that the plants were not pining, they’d passed on.’

Consequently, they were all removed, leaving some very large gaps.

Fortunately, local resident and nurseryman Dave Hunt provided more than sixty replacements including some

unusual varieties of lilac, liatris, phyto carpus, astilbe, philadelphus, euonymus, photinia, buddleia and coreopsis.

A few days later community gardeners Ann, Annette, Terri and Alan planted everything out – on one of the hottest days of the year.

‘Four hours in blazing sunshine is lovely if you are sitting in a deckchair with a glass of something cold,’ added Alan, ‘but not so great if you are gardening. However, we wanted to give everything a chance to establish itself at the earliest opportunity.’

The community gardeners meet at 10am on the first Friday of the month, but anyone is welcome at anytime to do a little pruning, weeding or watering. A further supply of plants and shrubs will arrive towards the second half of July.

Gardens competition entries are open!

The Kings Langley Parish Council Gardens Competition has returned and the Parish Council is very keen to get gardeners of all ages involved.

Councillor Gerry Angiolini said ‘A garden is the best way to teach children about the importance of nature – and we want to make sure we have a steady supply of new entrants to the competition.’

The Parish Council is not looking for exclusively Chelsea Flower Show gardens, but for anyone who loves their garden as a place to relax with the family, put their feet up or just like a bit of colour and are not too fussy about its genus.

Residents who would like to enter to contact the office on **01923 261828**, email klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk or pop into the office at Charter Court in Vicarage Lane for an entry form. The closing date is 17 July.

Judging will take place on Saturday 22 July, and automatically include the council allotments at Sunderlands Yard and Red Lion Lane.

‘This year we are delighted to be joined again by Ian Barrow from Sunnyside Trust’, added Gerry. ‘He brings not just his horticultural expertise, but shed-loads of advice for all our gardeners.’

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Men's Group takes to the water for canal social

An excursion along the Grand Union Canal was the latest social event for All Saints Men's Group, who spent a leisurely four hours aboard a narrow boat.

A group of thirty spent a glorious summer's evening travelling from the site of Waterways Experience at Red Lion Lane to the half-way point at Hunton Bridge where they enjoyed a fish and chip supper before setting off on the return leg.

Brian McAdam, who runs the Men's Group, said 'A few beers were enjoyed along the way to keep us all refreshed and in good cheer. Some of us were even allowed to man the locks!'

The All Saints Men's Group meets every month, usually on the evening of the third Wednesday, and is open to all men of any age, religion or none. It has two aims, namely to have fun and fellowship. Past activities have included meals out, pub walks, bowls, ten-pin bowling, film nights and much more.

For further information on joining the Men's Group contact Brian on 07796 131291 or email b.mcadam1@sky.com



Jon McAdam manning the lock

Pope seen in village

Train travellers are always complaining about late trains and bus replacement services, but the train on Platform 4 has arrived, and it never leaves.

It is part of a colourful mural that includes Pope Adrian IV (1154 – 59), the only English Pope who lived in Bedmond, the Old Priory, built with a grant from King Edward II in Kings Langley in 1308 – and a train!

The mural was suggested by Alex Michaels, a 'station adopter' for Kings Langley. (Station adopters are volunteers who help out at their local station). 'I am absolutely delighted with the result,' he said, adding 'When I suggested some artwork to brighten the station platforms, I didn't realise quite what an impact they would have. Everyone involved with this project is to be congratulated.'

The mural resulted from a collaboration between artist Mark Tanti of Demograffix, London North Western Railways, Imagination Technology (both of whom sponsored the mural), and Kings Langley History Society.

Pope Adrian IV at the shoulder of station ticket office clerk Liam Craik-Horan as he admires the murals



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP



History talk on Village's Royal connections

Village Warden and keen local historian, Paul Hier, will be giving a talk on the *Kings and Queens of Langley Palace* later this month.

The talk, which will take place at All Saints Church on Wednesday 19 July at 8pm, promises to educate and inform the audience about all the many royal events that happened on our doorstep centuries ago.

Tickets, which include refreshments, are priced at just £5.00 each, and can be purchased from Brian McAdam on 07796 131291 or email at b.mcadam1@sky.com



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Botham, Gillespie and Emburey delight local cricket fans

Kings Langley Cricket Club played host to three cricketing legends last month when Lord Ian Botham, Jason 'Dizzy' Gillespie and John Emburey attended their Ashes evening.

Botham, above, is well known as one of the greatest cricketers ever produced by this country and a proud Englishman. Jason Gillespie, who was part of the same Australian test team as Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath, provided an Australian point of view, and John Emburey, himself a holder of

68 test and 61 One Day International caps for England, acted as MC.

Dalling & Co. laid on a meal at the clubhouse and the trio led a wide-ranging discussion with some of the club's leading supporters. They took time out from the meal to sign bats and have photos taken with the U10 and U11's team, with Botham especially generous with his time. This was followed by a 'Meet and Greet' for another 35 guests before everyone headed over to the Rudolf Steiner School for the talk.

The talk covered stories from the last 50 years of Ashes and test history, anecdotes about some of the characters who have played the game and an insight into the way the game is played at the professional level. All of the speakers had so many tales to tell, that they kept the audience rapt.

This event was only possible with the help and the support of the Trustees of the Steiner School, and their fantastic caretaker, Robbie Monk, the guys from The Kitchen at Inspired, Phat Bird Chicken and Jess's Bar all who provided refreshments before and after the talk.



Young readers should get down to the Community Library in The Nap for this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read!

Designed to keep children reading over the summer holidays the challenge is a free activity for all children who are library members.

Participants have to read six books of their choice between 8 July and early September. Each participant receives a collector folder and is awarded stickers for every book they read. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, a medal and a finishing gift.

It's a great activity to keep children busy during the summer and families are welcome to call in and join the library, there's so much for everyone and it's all free!

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Jill hands over home&garden reins

A well known and popular face in the village is preparing to ring up her till for the last time as she hands over the running of her high street shop to a new owner.

Jill Walshe, owner of home&garden, is shutting up shop after 12 years trading in Kings Langley – six of them in her current location – to enjoy an altogether more relaxed pace of life, embarking on some travelling and spending more time with her grandson.

But the shop itself is not disappearing completely as Jill has found a customer who wishes to take on the business.

Sian Turner, who is leaving her job as a creative arts lead at Brockwood Primary School after ten years, plans to run the shop in a similar vein but will introduce new lines alongside existing suppliers.

She said ‘Jill and I bonded over our very similar tastes – sustainable, natural and bohemian – and I’m going to maintain the ethos of that by selling beautiful things that bring a bit of happiness into people’s lives.



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

‘I’ve been working alongside Jill on Thursdays for a little while so I’ve got to meet many of her customers, who I know hold a special place for Jill. I only hope I can go some way to replicate that!’

Jill was effusive in her thanks to the village community who have supported her since she initially launched her collection in Home Chic Home and later when she took over the former florist shop in 2017. Their support didn’t waver when, with the help of her daughter, Jill launched an online shop in the first Covid lockdown, often hand-delivering cards and gifts to her customers.

She said ‘It’s been such a wonderful experience being part of village life.

I’ve got to know so many people in the village and have become friends with many of them. I’m really going to miss it but I know Sian will be brilliant and make a great success of it. She is very confident, funny and great with people.’

She added ‘Sian has been coming into the shop for years and once said if I ever decided to leave I should let her know. Consequently, when the time came to renew the lease, it felt right to pass on the baton to someone else.’

Jill will be holding a major sale before closing the doors on Saturday 26 August. The shop will then be closed for some weeks before reopening in the autumn.

The changing face of Kings Langley High Street

Speculation is rife about changes to the High Street after numerous retailers have arrived, relocated or closed down.

Nelly Twig was a recent newcomer, opening in place of Home Chic Home at the end of April, while Total Flooring has relocated to the former site of alternative medicine practitioner, Knowing.

Meanwhile the rumour mill is rife about the arrival of not one but two bakeries opening in the High Street, with opinion divided on the issue. While a representative from Simmons told *Village News* a Kings Langley store was ‘not in the immediate pipeline’, Wenzel’s is currently advertising for a shop manager in Kings Langley suggesting that is one new outlet we can expect to be launching soon.

And finally – for the time being – a new Turkish barber, The Man Cave, is now

in situ at number 39. Watch this space for updates on the various changes to Kings Langley’s retail scene.

Below: Hakan, with The Man Cave Barbers manager Yunus, outside their new shop in the High Street



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Fashion student Shira shows off her designs

An exhibition in the Community Library this summer will showcase the work of talented local fashion student Shira Avron.



The *Fashion by Shira* exhibition will run from 10 July to 19 August and will showcase the work of the 17 year old’s recent college project that explored Fashioning Masculinities, Feminism, Dance and Movement, Abstract Art and Black Culture.

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Carol added 'We are just so grateful to everyone for making it such a memorable day – a huge thank you to everybody in the village who supported this lovely event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.'

Plans for next year's event will be starting soon and the Committee would welcome all suggestions from the community, or offers of help (large or small) by emailing kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com For more information see kingslangleycarnival.com

If you are associated with a local charity or group or know of any good causes that could benefit from some additional funds, please see the website to apply for a donation. The closing date is 15 September.

Top to bottom: Green's Amusements provided thrills for young and old alike. Appreciating Animals brought a collection of furry friends along to give children a chance to handle small animals and feed the sheep. Despite the Forever Hounds Trust having to cancel their dog show, due to the high temperatures, their stall attracted much interest. The 1st Bennetts End Scouts did a sterling, if smokey, job providing bangers and burgers.

At the end of the day, raffle winners were drawn, with the 23 prizes generously donated by local businesses.



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Call for stage stars to join productions

The Kings Langley F... have shared details their next season of... and plays, with deta... how to get involved... performances.



As well as opening the carnival and cooking at his own stand, Chef Ian Golding found time to pop in to say 'hello' at the Village News stall. Below, the stage provided plenty of entertainment throughout the afternoon.



Jurassic Coast the scene of DENS' autumn fundraiser

DENS is organising a 25-mile fundraising trek along the stunning Jurassic Coast later this year, and is calling for supporters to join their ranks.

The Dorset trek, which will take place from Friday 20 October – Sunday 22 October, follows a coastal path from Lulworth to Studland, the country's first natural World Heritage Site.

Charlotte McCarthy, community fundraiser at DENS said 'The cliffs provide views over the sea and surrounding landscape, and offer a very worthy challenge, suitable for anyone who is reasonably fit and has bucket-loads of determination!'

Not only will participants immerse themselves in the beautiful scenery across Dorset, they will provide vital support to DENS by raising much needed funds to help rebuild the lives of local people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

To find out more and sign up for the challenge, visit www.dens.org.uk/trek



Lollipop ladies remembered



In the last issue of *Village News* we introduced Lee Lewis, billed as Kings Langley's 'first ever' Lollipop Lady. We have since been inundated with messages from those who remember many previous people in this role – dating back as far as the 1950s – and so apologise for the oversight!

We have been unable to uncover any photographs of past Lollipop Ladies, but our enquiries on Facebook's Kings Langley Remembered group prompted many to share their own memories of these important local figures.

'Living in Watford Road we rarely used the crossings but remember Mrs Lowe and Mrs Baker with fondness. They always said hello and were a kind, reassuring presence' – *Fiona Masters*

'Mrs Lollipop Lowe crossed me and my sisters to school in the 60's and she was greatly loved' – *Debbie Reynolds*

'Mrs Lowe was our crossing lady down Church Lane in the 60's and we also had Mrs Mills, also known as Mrs McDonald, cross us by the Rose and Crown pub at the top of Church Lane' – *Fiona Lindars*

'Never mind the 60s or 70s, Mrs Lowe was also the lollipop lady in the 50s! Her son Colin was at the Primary School when I was' – *Margaret Cameron*

Do you have photographs of past school crossing patrols? We'd love to publish something from the archives so please do share them with us at kingslangleynews@gmail.com

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Players of shows tails of in the

This year's Christmas panto will be *Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood*, the traditional tale of two children abandoned in the forest by the Sheriff of Nottingham. With a full cast of goodies, baddies, songs, a Dame and a pair of loveable jokers, it promises to be as much of a hit as past pantos by the group.

With performances taking place from 7 – 9 December, the first

reading will take place on Monday 10 July with auditions on Thursday 13 July. In March the group will be performing F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic *The Great Gatsby*, adapted by Amie Bailey, with the first reading on Monday 17 July and auditions on Thursday 20 July.

And next May will see the troupe perform *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice* by Jim Cartwright, which was made famous by the 1998 film

starring Jane Horrocks. The first reading is on Monday 24 July with auditions on Thursday 27 July.

Readings and auditions are all held in the small hall at Kings Langley Community Centre, and are drop-in only, from 7.45pm. Beginners are welcome, as is anyone wishing to get involved in backstage roles such as make-up, costumes, props, lighting or sound. For more details, contact allenca1982@gmail.com

Can you spare some time to help those in need?

Good Neighbours, an organisation that provides voluntary services such as transport to medical appointments, shopping or simple DIY, is renewing its call for people to join their small team of volunteers.

Available to anyone in the village who has needs caused by age, ill-health, disability or inadequate resources, Good Neighbours is a crucial service to many people in Kings Langley but relies entirely on the generosity of people who can give small pockets of time to help out.

Karen Pearce is one such volunteer. She has been part of the team for five years. She said 'It was incredibly straightforward to get started – all I had to do was consent to a DBS check, take a quick



Volunteer Karen Pearce, left, loves meeting new people and finds it rewarding to help others

When you sign up as a driver you are asked what days you are available, what type of car you have and where you're happy to drive to. I don't enjoy driving so I will only be asked to drive locally, but there are some drivers who cover as far as the London hospitals.'

The service would like to extend its offering to take in 'non urgent' appointments such as trips to the hairdresser, but is currently too short of drivers to go beyond covering GP, hospital and dentist appointments.

Karen added 'It's rewarding to help out and it's lovely meeting new people. It's fulfilling to know that by driving people to their appointments it lessens the burden on those that have family, and offers company to those that don't. Plus our fuel costs are reimbursed so there's no cost on that front.'

If Karen has inspired you to volunteer please call **07790 668672** and see how you might be able to help Good Neighbours.

passport-style photo and decide where I could be of most use. Good Neighbours offers companionship, gardening, driving services and has people manning the helpline and volunteering at their Lunch Club, so there's plenty of options.'



Karen chose to offer a driving service and help with the Lunch Club as the flexibility suited her lifestyle, requiring her ad hoc rather than for set days and times.

She said 'It really doesn't matter how much time you have to spare – some weeks I drive and others I don't.



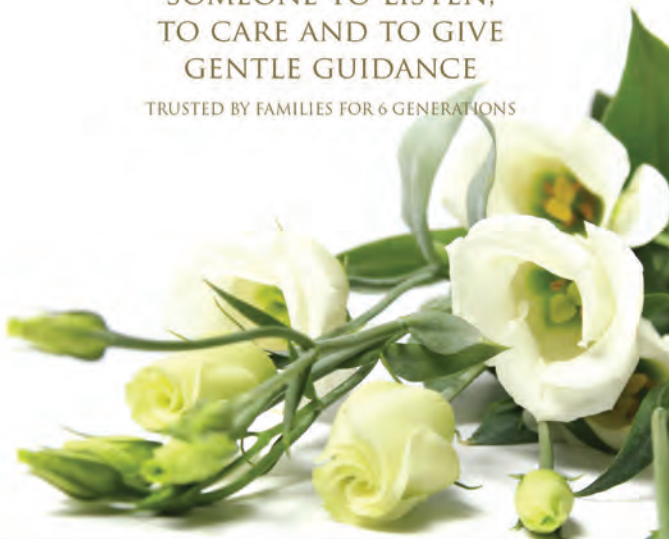
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Palace Lives explores untold history of Kings Langley's medieval past



A book detailing the extensive medieval history of Kings Langley is going on sale later this year, with advance copies available to order now.

Palace Lives sheds new light on the turbulent Plantagenet period in 13th – 15th century England, exploring the extraordinary tale of the once favoured Royal Palace and its Dominican Friary and Church, which stood at the top of Langley Hill.

Written by Michael Long and edited by local historian Scott Hastie, the book focuses on the individual characters involved, together with all the drama and intrigue of the period.

The 180-page paperback is being published by Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society, with all profits helping fund four major projects being supported by the organisation.

These include the current re-ordering of All Saints Church and the opportunity it might provide to run DNA tests on the body of an unidentified young woman that lies in the lead-encased tomb of Edmund of Langley, the first Duke of York.

Scott Hastie said, 'Palace Lives looks to provide an informed narrative [for the Royal Palace] for the first time because, despite the absence of any structure above ground bar the Locutorium of the Dominican Friary (known locally as *The Priory*), we believe this is a story that deserves to be much more widely known.'

Advance copies of Palace Lives, which costs £9.95, can be ordered by filling out a form in Kings Langley Community Library. A public book signing session and collection of advance order copies will take place on Saturday 30 September from 12.30pm in All Saints Church Hall following the official launch event that morning.

Make your voice heard

Have you noticed that your voice doesn't work as well as you would like, or as it used to?

Why not head down to the library on Wednesday 13 September for some top quality advice from professional singing, speaking and performance teacher Mary-Jane de Havas.

Mary-Jane will be giving an interactive talk entitled *Getting the best from your voice*. This will give an insight into how the voice works, how to use our voice better with less effort, how to warm up and cool down the

muscles, how to strengthen the voice and how to access your full pitch with ease.

Teachers, actors, singers or anyone who relies on their voice for work will find this interactive talk especially useful.

Tickets are available from the library at £5 including light refreshments.



Nothing beats a cuppa and a chat

A drop-in coffee morning at All Saints Church is calling for volunteers to help run the weekly session.

Parishioners in need of company, a chat or simply a change of scenery are welcome to drop into the get togethers every Tuesday from 10 – 11.30am.

Sheila Ashman, churchwarden, said 'Whether you are bereaved, feeling under pressure or simply want a chat, you can be assured of a warm welcome. We've been running this since December last year and are pleased to welcome a regular group of up to

12 people, plus occasional drop-ins. It's a jolly group of people where the conversation flows far and wide.'

The coffee morning initiative came about from the church's aim to serve the community in ways beyond services. Throughout the winter a weekly Supper Club provided a hot meal to anyone in need, thanks in huge part to a team of volunteers who stepped forward to cook and serve.

Anyone who is available to help out at the coffee morning from time to time – which requires arriving at 9.40am and setting up, making hot drinks and washing up – is encouraged to get in touch with Sheila on **07785 516690**.

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Rectory Farm development decision imminent

A note from Gary Ansell, Chair, Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA)

If you thought the development of the rest of the green field, green belt land around the new housing development at Rectory Farm had gone away, then I'm sorry to say you're mistaken.

The Kings Langley & District Residents Association has been closely monitoring the situation and can confirm that the planning application for a further 135 dwellings will be up for a decision by Dacorum Borough Council's planning committee very soon, once Cala Homes has satisfied some outstanding matters related to flooding and the impact of the development on the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation.

This site has been under the threat of development since the last Local Plan, some 20 or more years ago. It was rejected as a development site then but there is no such reassurance now and the KL&DRA view this site as make or break for our village. If this green field, green belt area gets the go ahead for development, then no other green field, green belt land in or around our village will be safe.

The KL&DRA will update its subscribers by email as soon as we know more. To subscribe, visit our website: www.greenbeltmatters.com



Meet The BloodRunners

Have you ever spotted a bright yellow 'Blood Bike' in Kings Langley and wondered about its mission?

You have probably spotted John McCombe who is one of over 100 volunteers who deliver blood and related medical necessities to hospitals in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

SERV – which is also known as The BloodRunners – is a nationwide charity which in 2022 made nearly 3,500 deliveries. As well as blood – which is delivered predominantly at night when the NHS deliveries stop – it supports three Hospices and the HEARTS Milk Bank which supplies new mums with tested and graded human donor milk.

John signed up to join the service when he retired in 2010. Whilst he is currently the only volunteer living in Kings Langley there are many in Abbots, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead and St Albans.

He said 'I can often be seen travelling up and down the High Street on one of our four bright yellow 1300cc Blood Bikes, on my way to or from a



collection, and it's always good to get a wave from fellow villagers.'

Last year, SERV received the Queens Award for Voluntary Service – the equivalent of a group MBE – and John joined the current chairman, Ian Hunt, at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May, pictured below.

To find out more about SERV see servhertsbeds.org.uk



Christian Aid thanks village for support

Generous villagers raised in excess of £5,000 for Christian Aid Week this year – an increase of 9% on 2022.

The annual fundraising drive, which included a house-to-house collection, a United Service at the Methodist Church and a Coffee Morning at Christ Church Baptist, generated a total of £5,007.26.

A highlight of the week was an inspiring address by guest speaker Revd. Dr. Lord Leslie Griffiths who



reiterated the importance of standing with those who are suffering injustice at a structural level and to change the systems that cause poverty. Organisers have expressed their grateful thanks to all those who helped and contributed.

Christian Aid continues to provide emergency aid and also longer-term development support for individuals and communities regardless of religion, race or gender. It campaigns on issues such as climate change and does all of this so that people can be raised to their full humanity.

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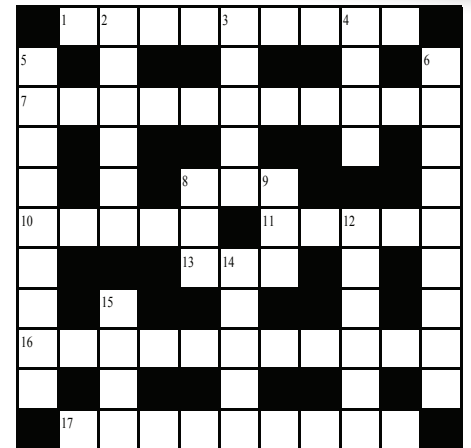
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Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry drawn from the hat for this issue is a **Pack of Greetings cards featuring sketches of historic Kings Langley** created by local artist **Graham Prentice**. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 12) to arrive no later than **Friday 25 August 2023. Good luck!**

Across

- 1 Village Road for a member of a religious order? (6,3)
 - 7 Confused, I avoid usual media, that uses both sight and sound! (5-6)
 - 8 For each (3)
 - 10 In Anglo-Saxon times, the chief magistrate of a town or district, hidden in folklore events! (5)
 - 11 The body's main artery (5)
 - 13 A bit of a play at the end of a contract? (3)
 - 16 Lacking in details or particulars (3-6)
 - 17 Village Road reminiscent of a pasture (6,3)
- Down**
- 2 Make less in amount (6)
 - 3 Theatrical presentation with short sketches, songs and dances, often satirical (5)
 - 4 Share a boundary with (4)



Prize Xword No. 33 set by Andrew Selby

- 5 Village Road at the base of our valley that in a cloudburst often lives up to its name! (5,4)
- 6 One of our Village's taverns (3,6)
- 8 Cut a peanut in half for a seed of this climbing plant! (3)
- 9 Rodent (3)
- 12 Fibre from a long-leaved African palm used for making hats and baskets (6)
- 14 A statement of a persons beliefs (5)
- 15 A very small number of times (4)

Answers to Crossword No: 32
Across: 1 Langley Road, 6 Dalling, 8 Goo, 9 Our, 10 Orb, 12 Lasso, 13 Modem, 14 Fax, 16 Yea, 17 Awn, 18 Red Lion, 21 Gallows Hill. **Down:** 1 Long Playing, 2 GLA, 3 Euler, 4 Run, 5 Detrimental, 6 Dog star, 7 Gordian, 10 Oof, 11 BMX, 15 Allow, 19 Eel, 20 Och

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Fans of real ale are invited down to All Saints Church from 8 – 10 September to sample one of the 20 or more real and craft ales as well as various champagnes and Proseccos. Alcohol-free alternatives and soft drinks will also be on offer.

Food stalls will provide nourishment while music will keep visitors entertained. The event will be open from 12noon – 11pm on Friday and Saturday, and 12noon – 7pm on Sunday.

In a change to last year's event, children will be welcome on both Saturday – until 6pm – and Sunday, with entertainment including bouncy castle and games. The Friday session will remain over 18s only.

Other changes include the introduction of card readers in addition to the prepay tokens available last year.

To register your interest and for more information visit klbeerandfizz.co.uk



Football

Kings Langley Football Club
Pre-season schedule
Away games:
Saturday 8 July Oxhey Jets
Tuesday 11 July Hendon
Saturday 15 July Tring Athletic
Tuesday 18 July Southall
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Tuesday 25 July St Albans City
Saturday 29 July Chesham United



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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.

Lumina Choir

The Old Steiner School, Langley Hill
Wednesday rehearsals 7.30 – 9pm
during term time. Come along, we are particularly interested to hear from sopranos and tenors. It helps, but is not necessary, to read music!
Contact lara.danobeitia@gmail.com or Telephone 07779295523

Baby Rhyme Time

Community Library, The Nap, WD4 8ET
Fridays 10.30-11.30am, term time only.
Free but small donations welcome

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,
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Knit and Natter

Community Library, The Nap, WD4 8ET
Mondays 10 – 12pm
Bring knitting, sewing or any craft and meet our very friendly group.
£1 with hot drink and biscuits.

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

PROBUS club for retired men.
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 in 2023

18 July: 'A Concise History of Whitefriars Glass', Mike Beech
15 August: 'Wildlife in your garden', Tom Way
19 September: 'Baked Alaska or Mexican Chilli? Climate Change explained', Nick Cook
17 October: 'Castles in the Air – Bizarre inventions', Nick Brazil

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

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

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 allsaintstinytots@outlook.com

Village News contacts: All enquiries, articles, advertisements, and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to kingslangleynews@gmail.com or by post to: *The Editor, Kings Langley Village News, c/o Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley, WD4 9HR*
The next *Village News* will be published for July/August 2023 – copy and advertising deadline is Friday 25 August 2023.

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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