



Village News

Sensory garden set to enhance village Library

The Community Library is preparing to open a dedicated outside space in its courtyard as part of its refurbishment plans as discussed with Hertfordshire Library Service.

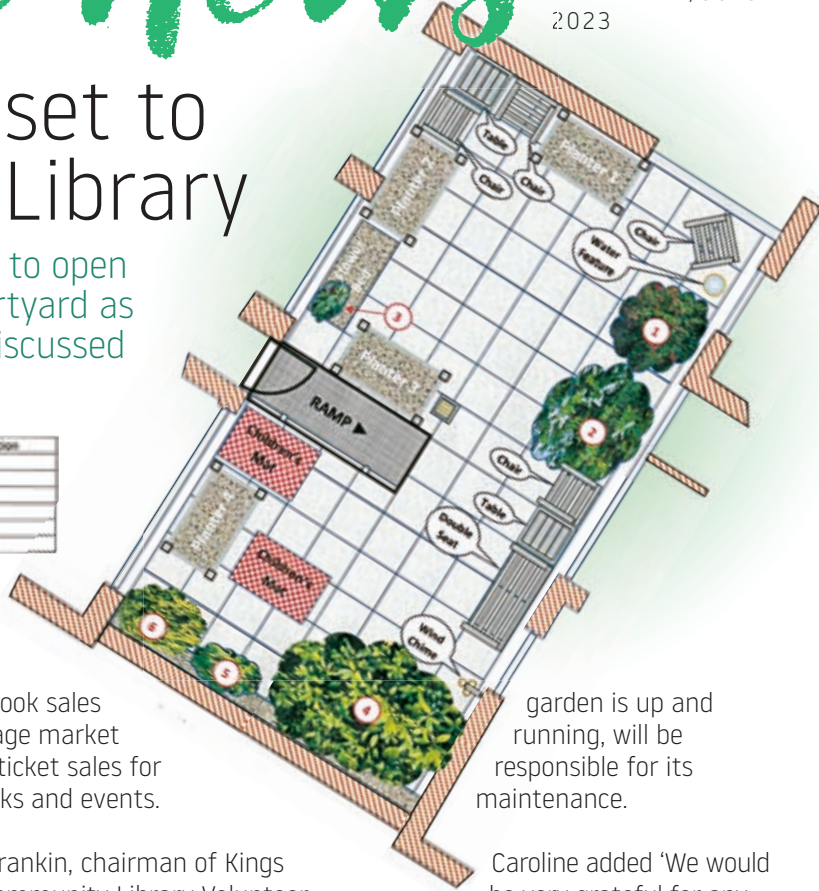
The space, which is enclosed by the Library building, was originally available to the public when the Library opened in the 1960s, but over the years the space has been neglected and become overgrown.

However, a team of volunteers has cleared the space and the creation of a sensory garden with seating areas for visitors to sit out in is now complete. The area will have raised beds with fragrant planting, along with the existing flower beds and bushes.

In time, organisers hope to introduce a solar-powered water feature and some wind chimes. Occasional children's story times will be held in the garden, and the Library reading group has expressed an interest to use the area for its monthly meetings.

The Library's volunteers have been busy fundraising the £6,000 that the project is expected to cost for over a year, with proceeds coming from

Ref	Plant Description
1	Fuchsia
2	Hydrangea
3	Buddleia
4	Geranium
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monthly book sales at the village market and from ticket sales for Library talks and events.

Caroline Brankin, chairman of Kings Langley Community Library Volunteer committee, said 'We have been very fortunate to have received funds towards the project from Councillor Roberts, our Kings Langley County Councillor, from his locality fund, and also from the Kings Langley Carnival Committee in 2022 towards some furniture. The Parish Council has also supported us with some funding.'

A small team of garden volunteers have already spent many hours clearing the space, and once the

garden is up and running, will be responsible for its maintenance.

Caroline added 'We would be very grateful for any support from the residents of Kings Langley, either financial or in kind.'

The official unveiling of the garden space will be marked with a concert by Kings Langley Community Choir from 11am on Saturday 7 October.

Anyone interested in offering their services can find out more by emailing kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com

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A41 Kings Langley Bypass – a happy birthday?

2023 sees the 30th anniversary of the opening of the A41 Kings Langley Bypass. A highly contentious issue back in the 1980/90s, residents were divided (sometimes literally) on its construction.

Village News felt it timely to assess its impact upon the parish and its inhabitants. Was it really needed? Has it been a success? How might the High Street traffic look today if the bypass had not been built? *See centre pages...*

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Green Fingers on Display

This year's Parish Council Gardens Competition had a first in 2023. No, it wasn't a record number of entries, although there was a pleasing mix of regular and new entries.

It wasn't that we had a new team of judges – Councillors Gerry Angiolini and Alan Johnson were joined again by horticultural expert Ian Barrow from Sunnyside Trust with Beverley Ross as official photographer.

In fact, what was different was the weather. For the very first time, it rained. Most of the morning passed dry and clear, ideal for sitting in the garden and enjoying the fruits, flowers and shrubs of the gardeners' endeavours.

'As usual, competition entrants were happy to join us in their gardens and point out those areas about which they were particularly proud,' explained chief judge Gerry Angiolini, pictured right with Ian Barrow, 'However, by mid-afternoon we were on our own as the Heavens opened. We were well and truly soaked.'

JUDGES CHOICES

- Best front garden:** Team Rob
- Best Back Garden (Large):** Irena & Les Tomkins
- Best Back Garden (Small):** Michael Sands
- Best Quirky Feature:** Kings Langley Bowls Club
- Best Hanging Baskets, Tubs & Troughs:** Eddie & E'lise Davies
- Best Contemporary Garden:** Marina Cox
- Best Canalside Garden:** Allen Bentley
- Best Traditional Garden:** Chris Shelley
- Best Mediterranean Garden:** Ted & Barbara Fry
- Best Wildlife Garden (Joint):** Pam Litton/Janet Taylor
- Best Outstand Feature (Pond):** Alban & Julie Wareham
- Highly Commended:** Jane Biggerstaff/Margaret Beaman/Andy Putman
- Special Award:** Jennifer Wyland
- Best Newcomer:** Lynne Higley
- Best Commercial Premises:** So Soft Designs
- Best Licensed Premises:** The Saracen's Head
- Best Allotment (Red Lion Lane):** Chris Pichon
- Runner Up (Red Lion Lane):** Paul Jenkin
- Best Allotment (Sunderlands Yard):** Dave & Jane Biggerstaff
- Runner Up (Sunderlands Yard):** Gavin Medhurst

'Whilst we always enjoy the gardens and allotments, it's the gardeners and their unalloyed good humour and banter which always makes the day special,' added Alan.

The judging team was equally grateful that the standard this year, despite some less than typical Spring or Summer weather, remained very high all day long.



PHOTO: BEVERLEY ROSS

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Carers rewarded for long service

Village home care company, 1st Homecare, is celebrating the astounding long service of its employees.

Two staff members alone are celebrating 25 years of service and several more are being recognised this summer for 15-20 years of service. This equates to an astonishing average of 11.5 years of service per employee and a grand total of 272 years' service from the team as a whole.

There are four office team staff based in Kings Langley and a team of 22 carers who are out and about covering the surrounding area supporting clients. This enables them to remain in the comfort of their own homes in the safe knowledge that a professional, trained and kind person will be stopping by to support them with their everyday needs.

The longest serving employee is Sharon who joined the company back in 1997 and progressed her career over the years to become senior carer on the Intake Team. She undertook risk assessments with clients, writing their care and support plans and providing initial care for new clients.



Sharon and Omatima

Carer Omatima also received a company 'Values Award' for her dedication and for great client service and feedback over 25 years. Carers Wendy and Janet celebrated nearly 50 years' service between just the two of them earlier this year.

John Rennison, CEO of the 1st Homecare group said, 'The number of years of service completed by the Kings Langley staff is extraordinary, and a testament to the office team. I'm proud of the sense of belonging that our carers have and the culture we have created that enables our employees to remain so satisfied in their roles.'

He continued: 'There is so much more to care than the public realises. Care is not just about personal care and medication, but about meaningful relationships in familiar surroundings.'

Farewell to Hannah from CCB

Kings Christian Bookshop and Coffee Shop at Christ Church Baptist is extending a big thank you to Hannah, one of its incredible volunteers, for all of the hard work she has put in over the last seven years as she prepares to leave on 30 October.

Hannah, pictured below, will appreciate sharing memories in the coming weeks before she hangs up her apron, so do drop in for a coffee on Monday, Wednesday or Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

In due course, they will be advertising for someone to replace Hannah and so watch this space or feel free to let them know of your interest in person.

Children's activities at CCB restart after the summer holidays: Parent and toddler group on 7 September, every Thursday morning 10am – 11.30am; 7Up (8 – 11 yrs) on 15 September, Fridays 7 – 8.15pm; and Youth club (11 – 14 yrs) also 15 September, Fridays 8pm – 9:30pm.



1st Homecare recognised!

1st Homecare has just been ranked amongst the top 20 small home care groups in the UK for 2023. This is the fourth year running that they have received this accolade, with a review

score of 9.8/10 and the majority rating of 5 stars. The awards are run by homecare.co.uk, the leading UK Home Care review website.



Christmas Tree Festival – register your interest

Village organisations, charities and businesses are encouraged to register their interest in participating in the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival from 8 – 10 December. It will be even bigger and better this year! For more information email allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com



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Low impact community living revisited

A public meeting was held on 13 July at the old Steiner school to share the vision and establish support for creating a Low Impact Intentional Community in our area.

Cordelia Bryan, a director of Kings Langley Community Benefit Society, presented a vision for a resilient, more future-proofed community. This could include modest one and two bed eco homes, space for growing vegetables, recreational areas, a community hub and well-being centre, as well as space for startup businesses.

There is considerable interest in such a scheme from local residents. A recording of the meeting can be viewed at www.bit.ly/KLVN-klcbs

Ten years ago there was a similar community effort to purchase Balls Pond Farm, which was unsuccessful.



An example of a typical eco home

It is hoped that the benefits of community living are now better understood and valued by politicians and council planners, such that another attempt may be viewed more favourably if land became available.

Post pandemic it seems even more prescient to be considering ways in which we can live together, treading as lightly as we can upon the planet, both individually and as a group.

If you would like to support this initiative – especially if you have architectural or planning experience and skills – please email Cordeliabryan@aol.com or dave.inglis145@gmail.com



Who do you think you are? Find out now!

Anyone wishing to find out more about how to research their family history is encouraged to attend a series of sessions at the Community Library, kicking off on 6 October.

A group of enthusiasts meet on the first Friday of every month between 2.30 and 4pm. They offer one another guidance and support in order to help research, record and write up family histories, including anecdotes, essays and poems.

Participants will also have the chance to access the library version of record site Ancestry.

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Healthy appetite for Hier's history lesson

A packed out All Saints Church was the scene of a fascinating talk on the history of Kings Langley by village warden and keen historian Paul Hier.

A sell-out crowd showed up for the fundraiser in July, which included a detailed overview of the village through the centuries, including most significantly how the area originally found favour with the royal family.

Many myths were put to rest while a slideshow of photographs, drawings and maps gave greater insight into more than seven decades of history within our village.

Paul, who was encouraged to give a public talk after speaking to some school children about the area as part of their history lesson, said, 'I had no idea how many people would be interested to hear what I had to say but the packed church demonstrated how drawn in people are by the rich history of Kings Langley. The Q&A session at the end showed just how many rumours and stories have surfaced over the years and I was able to offer some clarity on a few of those!'



WEA Kings Langley courses this Autumn

Kings Langley WEA continues to offer a broad programme of long and short leisure courses with wide cultural appeal, with the main venue at Kings Langley Community Centre.

Autumn Term 2023 has several online and face to face courses. Some courses haven't yet reached the website. If you are new to WEA, you may find the enrolment process somewhat intimidating – if so check the information online and phone to make a course booking which is usually helpful and more straightforward.

The Medieval Palace of Kings Langley
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10am to 12noon
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To enrol online and for more information about all courses go to www.wea.org.uk To enrol by telephone ring **0300 303 3464**. Local Organiser for WEA Kings Langley: Hilary Robins wea.kingslangley@virginmedia.com

WEA Adult Learning Within Reach

Scouts change the guard

This month the 1st Kings Langley Scout Group saw a changing of the guard as Gavin Howard stepped down as Group Scout Leader after nine years (with six previous years as Scout Leader).

'Great leaders inspire confidence in their leadership and those they lead,' said Group Treasurer George Sylvester. 'Gavin was a great Scout Leader.'

Jane Harding has 'stepped up' from Scout Leader to Group Scout Leader and Kerry Harding has replaced her as Scout Leader. Kerry has just returned from the World Scout Jamboree in Korea where she was a Deputy Unit Leader with a Unit of 36 Scouts from across Hertfordshire, including one of their Young Leaders, Emily. The

trip was a fantastic opportunity for them both to meet Scouts from over 150 countries, exchange cultures, try adventurous activities and be a part of the largest scout camp in the world.

The trip was not without challenges, with the UK Contingent of 5,000 Scouts and Adult volunteers withdrawn from site to continue their Jamboree experience in Seoul, but they were certainly able to make the most of their time in Korea and have a once in a lifetime trip.

The leadership team is always looking out for more adults to help – experience is not necessary, just a keenness to join in and get involved.

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A41 Bypass – a long an

Plans to improve the road links in north-west London and Hertfordshire go back a very long way. In 1936, with the Watford Bypass still brand new, an ambitious Highway Plan recommended a new route linking the A41 at Watford to Central London.

The Greater London Plan of 1944 proposed a route towards Birmingham and Lancashire, passing close to Bovington Airfield which was then under consideration as a major airport. In 1953 a route based on existing roads and local bypasses was included within the County Development Plan and confirmed in 1958.

By the late sixties the concept of a single new road was introduced and in 1971 it was unveiled as the A41(M) Watford-Tring Motorway. But only one isolated part was built, the Tring Bypass, which opened in 1973.

It took another 20 years of route revisions, endless debating of traffic projections and counter projections – including several Public Inquiries considering objections and rebuttals – before this section was at last joined up to meet the M25, losing its motorway status along the way. In 1992 work stalled as the construction company

AF Budge went into receivership and the scheme was completed by Robert McAlpine plc.

So, after a wait of some 50 years, with construction costs of nearly £20m, we finally had a route to provide relief to the High Streets of Kings Langley and other villages astride the existing A41 to the north.

The final carriageway route required the demolition of four houses on Chipperfield Road. Compulsory purchase orders were imposed on many more houses, which led to a number of homeowners either side of the line of the road seeing a depreciation in their house values, only receiving compensation much later.

There was loss and division of farmland all along the route. Balls Pond Farm orchard, which had long been the focal point for villagers on firework nights, was swallowed up. Construction work brought its own inconveniences to local residents, too. 'Car headlights from the Chipperfield Road diversion continually lit up our rooms' claimed Tony Walden. 'Sometimes we thought they were actually coming in!'

Daisy Pearce, who lived a few doors away, recalls 'I was about eight at the time and remember the continual disruption, mess and noise. Journeying to and from my local school was a muddy nightmare'.

Archaeological finds

In the largest single funded project in Hertfordshire, involving nationally renowned experts, archaeologists unearthed some amazing evidence during the A41 Bypass excavations, including artifacts nearly 7,000 years old, along with a wealth of findings at Rucklers Lane. Ceremonial sites pre-dating Stonehenge by centuries were found in Dacorum, along with signs of one of the very few Bronze Age settlements ever uncovered in Britain.

The junction debate

Plans for the existing Kings Langley Bypass initially included a surface level roundabout junction with Chipperfield Road.

As well as impeding traffic on a 'bypass', whose purpose was to divert journeys away from residential areas, it could have invited increased traffic flows through neighbouring villages. Unwanted traffic would be funnelled through Love Lane, Vicarage Lane and Langley Hill, causing congestion throughout Kings Langley as vehicles left the roundabout



After skirting Kings Langley, the bypass terminates at the busy M25 interchange roundabout, where the old A41 is now signposted as the A4251.

White elephant?

Or perhaps white cow? Have you ever wondered why there's a stretch of Chipperfield Road sectioned off at the A41 Bypass bridge?

When the decision was made by HCC to construct a bridge over the bypass, the local farmer Mr Lines – whose farmland had effectively been sliced in two by the bypass – pointed out that he would be unable to move his cattle safely across it from one side to the other.

After much discussion and deliberation provision was made for a throughway to separate livestock from vehicular traffic and pedestrians. How ironic that, only a few years after completion, this was no longer needed as Balls Pond Farm no longer grazed livestock.



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d winding road to relief

The dumping of mud and spoil from the cutting was later to bring its own woes (as reported in *Village News* issue 3).

True, we've benefitted from the bypass. In 1982 the locality was suffering from increasing traffic congestion, air and noise pollution with road traffic passing through our village recorded to be approximately 21,000 vehicles per day. The latest estimated figures (2022) show an average daily flow of 13,231 vehicles through the village, whilst a manual traffic count on the A41 Kings Langley Bypass for the same year recorded an average flow of 45,885 vehicles per day.

Safety concerns however, continue to be raised. The A41 Bypass has no hard shoulders and it has been said that the junctions are far too small, with tight

corners and inadequate merges into traffic travelling up to (and sometimes beyond) the legal speed limit.

The recent multiple collision on the A41 between Hemel Hempstead and Kings Langley mobilised emergency services, including air ambulances, and resulted in the bypass closure for much of the day, causing congestion and chaos on local roads. Hertfordshire County Council data records 190 incidents on the bypass, including 36 serious and five fatal, in the past ten years.

At the journey's end, the final line and format of the A41 Bypass construction has been justified on a cost benefit basis. We've certainly seen some benefit – but at what cost?



PHOTOS: TONY WALDEN



Above: The relic of the cattle crossing provision remains as an unused piece of land fenced-off from the carriageway.

Above: Cattle crossing over the temporary diversion road alongside the new bridge under construction in the early 90s. Left: View of the Chipperfield Road bridge, with the roadway diversion, as seen from Tony Walden's bedroom window.

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– particularly at times when the bypass itself became congested and other routes were sought.

The Kings Langley Action Group (KLAG) was formed to challenge this absurd proposal. The group, led by Lawrence Parnell, made representations to HCC, the Parish Council and DoT, held meetings within the Community Centre to explain the implications of such a scheme, undertook independent road traffic counts to support their objections and raised funds throughout the parish to appoint a legal team to assist in presenting their case at the official inquiry.

'We did our utmost to voice the opposition to this scheme, culminating in representations at the 1988 Public Inquiry. However, the County's decision was to include the roundabout. Whilst agreeing with KLAG's environmental arguments, the Planning Inspector ruled that this decision was taken solely on a cost benefit basis,' said Lawrence. 'Thankfully, some two years later, this decision was overturned and the bypass was instead routed in a cutting, with Chipperfield Road crossing over it via a bridge.'

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History book launch and signing

The official launch of *Palace Lives*, Kings Langley Local History Society's forthcoming publication, is set for 30 September at All Saints Church.

The much anticipated 180-page paperback, conceived and edited by local writer and poet Scott Hastie and written by historian Michael Long, tells of the extraordinary tale of the once fabulous and now sadly invisible Royal Palace at Langley, together with all the drama, intrigue and key historic individual characters involved.

An invitation-only launch will take place in the church at 11am, featuring presentations by both Scott and Michael, and will be followed by a public book-signing session in the Church Hall between 12.30pm and 3pm when readers will have a first chance to collect advance order copies.

For your chance to win a signed copy of the book why not enter this month's Prize Xword on page 11?



TV star spotted at work in village

Kings Langley continued to build on its growing reputation as the perfect backdrop for filming when Robson Green dropped by to shoot some scenes recently.

The TV star, pictured above, was spotted outside The Old Palace pub on Langley Hill – temporarily renamed The Hope and Anchor – for what is thought to be scenes for popular ITV drama *Grantchester*.

Once again, the old Steiner School was being put to good use as a base for the film cast and crew.

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Volunteers needed!

Loneliness seems to be a national concern, but not necessarily in our village! One of the Good Neighbours activities which helps with this is the Tuesday Lunch Club.

Anna Sapte regularly picks up some of their diners from their homes and returns at 1.30 to take them back. She also drives the minibus that takes a number of them on the fortnightly 'Door to Store' scheme. How does she fit it all in when she has a part-time day job too? 'Oh', she says, 'I definitely make time for volunteering with Good Neighbours. It is such a blessing and I feel so privileged to be able to help'.

Amongst the diners, you might spot Charles, who says 'For those who live on their own, Lunch Club provides a lively social gathering and interaction. The food has always been very tasty, hot, and served by friendly and helpful volunteers. I look forward to attending every week and enjoy it very much'. Helen, sitting opposite, confirmed this with a smile!

The Lunch Club is thriving, but is currently very short of volunteers, both for driving and for serving lunch. Please get in touch if you can spare an occasional hour or two on a Tuesday.

To offer help, telephone **07790 668672**.
New diners, telephone **07527 907128**.

Community Choir ends season on triumphant note

Following on from their performance at Kings Langley Carnival, Kings Langley Community Choir's summer season ended with a sell-out concert at St Paul's Church, Chipperfield.

Summer Serenade, a joint production with Rickmansworth Players' Choir, matched the balmy evening with a range of music that reverberated to the church rafters.

Rickmansworth Players displayed their distinctive harmonic style throughout the first half with nine songs that traversed from the opening ballad *The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face* to a full throated rendition of *Take That's Rule The World*.

Following the Interval the Community Choir opened at a fast pace with Elton John's *I'm Still Standing* and The Buggles *Video Killed The Radio Star* but then slowed for the gospel number *I'm On My Way* and an emotional interpretation of Cyndi Lauper's *True Colours*. A total of nine songs ended with Queen's powerful *Somebody To Love*.

The evening ended with the combined choirs singing first the James Taylor ballad *Lonesome Road* and then *Anthem* from the musical *Chess*. Seventy voices that raised the roof and sent the audience out happy into the starlit night.

The Community Choir returns to rehearsal for the autumn and festive season in early September. Anyone interested in joining should contact Pat Waterton on **07714 701316** or visit www.kingslangleychoir.co.uk

Musical workshop to focus on beginners

A workshop for people who have a passion for singing, acting and dancing but do not read music is being held by Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company later this month.

The session, which will help attendees develop their understanding of music, is taking place on 24 September running from 2pm – 5pm and will cost £10 per person. To book your place email klmtc@outlook.com

KLMTc's popular annual quiz also makes a welcome comeback on Friday 10 November.



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There has been a railway station serving Kings Langley and Abbots Langley for 184 years allowing local people to travel to London and Birmingham and beyond. Whilst we weren't around for its opening in 1839, we can be confident that the station then had staff and a ticket office to help passengers access the rail network.

Today Ian and Liam, with a combined 29 years' service at Kings Langley station, are ensuring that the passenger journey is as safe and accessible as possible, providing the best travel advice and the most cost-effective ticket for their journey.

Passenger footfall through the station was 281,000 in 2021/22 and is increasing, with total journeys on West Midlands Trains up by 25 percent in 2022/23. This summer over 500 services a week will stop at Kings Langley station.

Post pandemic it is clear that passengers are using the rail network differently, but the number of passengers is growing back to levels seen pre-2020. According to government figures, 12 percent of train fares are sold via ticket offices – not an insignificant yearly contribution to railway finances.

You would not think that Kings Langley station now faces the closure of its ticket office and the station becoming unstaffed. But that is exactly what

West Midlands Trains are planning to do as part of a government supported plan to close almost 1,000 ticket offices across stations in England. It is proposed that there will be mobile teams visiting stations 'when needed'. WMT has announced to the unions that it is halving the number of staff employed on stations. This despite assurances given by the rail minister that no currently staffed station would be left unstaffed, and that current staff would be deployed on the station to assist passengers.

Over 370,000 objections against the plans have already been registered. If there are enough objections, the watchdogs will object to the plans, and then the Secretary of State for Transport is likely to have to reconsider the closure of the ticket offices and destaffing of stations.

The staff and union have been overwhelmed by the support that passengers have shown them since the announcement of the proposals, and would like to thank everyone who has objected to the plans.



Ticket office clerk Liam Craik-Horan

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For further information, please contact saveourticketoffices@rmt.org.uk or Watford Branch Secretary Stewart Cameron s.cameron@rmt.org.uk

Join the Get Togetherers?

The Get Togetherers are a group of lively senior citizens who meet on Tuesdays at King Langley Cricket Club 12.30 – 3pm for socialising and lunch.

It has been running successfully for several years and new members are most welcome.

It's a chance to meet and socialise with the opportunity to play cards, board games, and table tennis, accompanied by an excellent home cooked lunch. One member reports 'This is such a lovely group, I have a really good time here. It's nice not to have to think about cooking a meal on Tuesday evenings.'

For more details contact Janet Crook janetsusan.crook@virgin.net or Carol Gahan Chris.gahan@talk21.com
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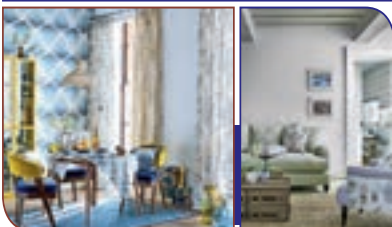
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Prize Xword

The prize for the first correct entry for this issue is a copy of the new **Palace Lives** book, which has just been published by Michael Long and Scott Hastie. To enter, simply post or email your crossword entry and contact details to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 21 October. Good luck!

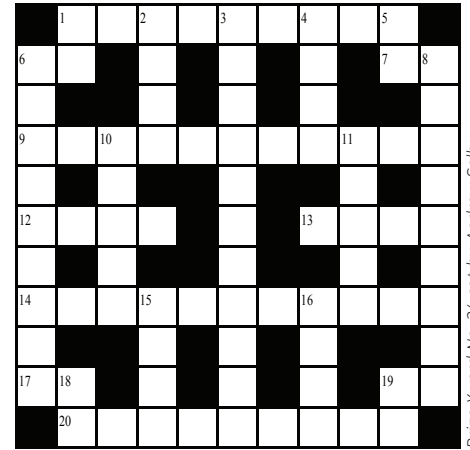
Across

- 1 Our Village's open space that is divided into two halves (3,6)
- 6 Japanese board game of territorial possession and capture (2)
- 7 Abbreviation for an Imperial measure found lurking in a daydream! (2)
- 9 Group of people organised for a joint purpose (11)
- 12 Unpleasantly damp and cold (4)
- 13 Elderly and yet lively (4)
- 14 Collection of objects that are of different kinds (11)
- 17 First part of chemical symbols for substance often added to flavour chips (2)

- 19 Second and sixth word of the often quoted, famous phrase from Shakespeare's Hamlet (Act 3, Scene 1) (2)
- 20 Road in Hunton Bridge, leading to a narrow lane, all of which surprisingly until 1810 was a turnpike road (5,4)

Down

- 1 Preposition (2)
- 2 Sound reflection (4)
- 3 Go iron hotly, but rather confused for this avian endeavour? (11)
- 4 Type of whisky (4)
- 5 Abbreviation for the 'Big Apple' (2)
- 6 Soldier belonging to the regiment that stand to attention at Buckingham Palace (9)
- 8 Main road to Sarratt starting from Chipperfield (5,4)
- 10 One of the cavities inside the head that connects to the inside of the nose (5)
- 11 A full point scored in judo, karate and some other martial arts sports (5)
- 15 A pointed end, where two curves meet, but where their direction is abruptly changed (4)
- 16 Relating to water (4)
- 18 In short, it's pure silver! (2)
- 19 Particular form of the verb, which has the plural 'are' (2)



Prize Xword No. 34 set by Andrew Selby



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Above: Our prize-donor for issue 33 was local artist Graham Prentice, who often sells his artworks in the Village Market. A retired Art and Design Lecturer, he has signwritten for many shops, on cars owned by Chris Evans, Andy Warhol, Eric Clapton and Lord Bamford and has produced hundreds of paintings and graphics for Pinewood Studios and various TV productions.

Answers to Crossword No: 33
Across: 1 Friars Way, 7 Audio-Visual, 8 Per, 10 Reeve, 11 Aorta, 13 Act, 16 Non-Specific, 17 Meadow Way.
Down: 2 Reduce, 3 Revue, 4 Abut, 5 Water Lane, 6 Old Palace, 8 Pea, 9 Rat, 12 Raffia, 14 Credo, 15 Once

Bridge Club looks to bolster membership

A Bridge Club that has seen its numbers dwindle since the pandemic has sent out a call for new members for its weekly get togethers.

The Kings Langley Bridge Club meets at the Community Centre in The Nap every Monday from 1.30-4.30 and welcomes members with any level of

experience to join in Duplicate Bridge. Players are also most welcome to join with or without partners.

For more information see www.bridgewebs.com/kings or call Pat on 01442 260394.





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Quiz Night

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
Friends of All Saints annual quiz night.
 Book a table or just a few seats. £15 a head including a buffet supper.
 29 September from 7.30pm.
Tickets are available by telephoning 01923 266667 or emailing foaski@outlook.com

Book Sale

The Retreat (corner of Gallows Hill/Abbots Road, WD4 8LT)
 We sell brand new books (donated to us by publishers) at very cheap prices, well worth a visit!
 Friday 23 September 12noon – 5pm
 Saturday 24 September 10am – 2pm
 26 – 30 September 10am – 2pm.

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<http://www.bridgewebs.com/kings/>
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Football

Kings Langley Football Club
 Fixtures September – October 2023
Away games:
 Saturday 16 September, Kidlington
 Saturday 7 October, Bedford Town
 Saturday 21 October, North Leigh
 Saturday 28 October, Barton Rovers
Home games:
 Tuesday 26 September, Biggleswade Town
 Saturday 30 September, Hertford Town
 Saturday 7 October, Bedford Town
 Saturday 14 October, Leighton Town

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

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

Short Mat Bowls

Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap.
 A friendly group who play all year round. New members welcome.
 Every Wednesday morning 11.am. – 1pm.
 £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
 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

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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

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.

Woodside u3a

Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Garston WD25 9JL
 Wide range of activities. Third Tuesday each month from 9.45am.
 Come along and see what we offer.
For further information contact Barbara Elman at barbaraelman@hotmail.co.uk

Kings Langley WI

The Community Centre, The Nap.
 Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at from 7.30pm – 10pm. Visitors are welcome at most meetings to join the ranks of lively, friendly and enthusiastic members.

Programme for Autumn/Winter 2023:
12 September: 'My Journey Writing a Book,' Sherry Hoster
10 October: 'Vibrant Fabric Art,' Dr Aruna Mene
14 November: 'English Alms Houses,' Simon Smith
12 December: Christmas Party, (members only)

For further information email kingslangleywi@gmail.com or call Nova Horley on 07876 614250.

Exhibition

A display of Images by David Eckland and Mike Brankin
 Kings Langley Library
 11 – 25 September

A free Hearing Aid Maintenance Service takes place during the afternoon of the second Monday of every month in the Community Library in The Nap. Appointments must be made in advance. To register and book visit www.hhas.org.uk or call 01707 324582