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What do *you* think?

For over two hundred years the Grand Union Canal has run through the parish of Kings Langley and provided one of the three transport methods though the village.

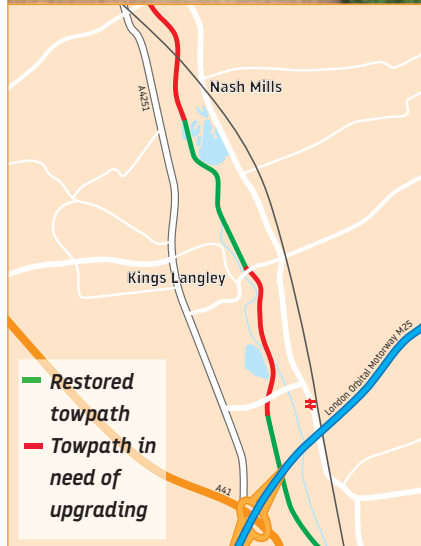
Over time the railways and then the car reduced the viability of the canal and so its towpath has deteriorated into such a poor state that, in some places, is now unsuitable for the increasing numbers of walkers and cyclists that are keen to use the towpath for leisure and to get to work.

These days, Kings Langley is very full of cars, so the Parish Council has been looking at ways to improve the local transport situation. We commissioned a report from Sustrans, the cycling and sustainable transport charity, to look at ways to encourage people to use their cars less for local journeys.

One of their key recommendations is to upgrade the quality of the towpath and increase the number of access points to the canal. For example, the upgraded towpath would provide a great way of getting to the Kings Langley and Apsley mainline train stations without using the roads.



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Let us have your thoughts

We are now seeking to source funding to make the necessary improvements and it will really help our case if residents could e-mail us with your thoughts on how you would use the canal more if the towpath is upgraded to a similar standard as the recently restored section from Water Lane northwards. Please could you send your ideas and any questions you may have to john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Walk for health

Hertfordshire Health Walks is a countywide initiative of free, led walks aiming to encourage people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors, get more active and reap the benefits.

There are many regular and one-off walks in and around our local area which all are welcome to join. The walks are graded, and information about parking and length of walk are provided on the website so you can find a suitable walk near you.

From September to December there will be the following regular walks from Kings Langley. Each is a one hour walk:

- Alternate Tuesdays (from 18 Sept.) 10am meet in the Cricket Club car park Vicarage Lane.
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Best Front and Back Garden

Best Gardens – the results are in!

One of the major annual events run by the Parish Council, the *Best Kept Gardens Competition* was once again blessed with many impressive garden displays, especially given the extremely dry conditions that gardeners had to contend with! The prize presentation evening will be in October. Winners are as follows...



Best Small Back Garden

Best Newcomer:	Harry Hollingsworth
Best Front Garden:	Wendy & Wayne Rycraft
Best Small Back Garden:	Jill Hunt
Best Back Garden:	John North
Best Large Back Garden:	Don Hansard
Best Overall Small Garden:	Marina Cox
Best Front and Back Garden:	Team Rob
Best Hanging Baskets, Tubs and Troughs:	Kerry Austen/Macer Bentley
Best Outstanding Feature:	Leslie & Irena Tomkins
Best Wildlife Garden:	Joint 1st Pam Litton and Janet Taylor
Highly Commended/Special Award:	Arts & Crafts Group for knitted hanging baskets
Best Commercial Premises:	So Soft Designs
Best Public House:	The Red Lion

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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*

Highly Commended:	Eddie & E'lise Davies	Mr & Mrs Fry	Margaret Beamon
George Coster	Jane Biggerstaff	Nick & Clare Currie	Mrs J Button
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Left; Leti and her son Vlad
Below; 'Shane's Bar', Lucy's face
painting stall, Vlad with his fellow
stallholders



Mini idea – maxi result!

If you live near Coniston Road, you may have heard about *MiniFest@42* – a mini festival held to raise funds for a much-loved member of our community.

Leti Preduca came to England from Romania to make a new life for herself and her young son Vlad, only to be diagnosed with stage four cancer after a routine registration with the local GP. She tried many treatments, but it was Mistletoe Therapy that has given her a new lease of life.

The treatment is groundbreaking, but very expensive – and that's where a small group of friends led by Neli Christophorou come in, trying to raise money to send Leti to Scotland for another Mistletoe treatment.

After only a few weeks of planning, *MiniFest* – a mini Festival in a back garden – was born. 'We had no idea how many people would actually turn up' said an organiser. 'We just hoped to cover our costs and make a little bit more'.

On Sunday 15 July at 3pm, after a local leaflet door drop, *Minifest* opened, and a queue quickly started to form. 'People were flooding in for several hours, and we counted over 200 visitors, who all donated generously on the door, donated drinks and cakes and even helped man the stalls at busy times.

The community spirit was completely overwhelming. The garden shed became 'Shane's bar' and in true festival style there was even a portaloo on site!



Local bands *Jannah* and *McVicar* played throughout the day on a stage made of pallets, Neli's husband Steve manned the BBQ, and there were various stalls and a raffle. Everything was kindly donated by village businesses and residents. 'We couldn't believe how generous people were – when most of them didn't even know Leti personally'.

Over £2,300 was raised on the day and a further £1,700 (and counting) has been raised via gofundme.com.

Leti was overwhelmed by the generosity: 'Thank you, everyone. It is very much appreciated. I think you are the most wonderful community and I hope you will come together often to support each other and to share and receive some love and joy.'

MiniFest was such a success that the organisers are even starting to think about next year's event – stay tuned for details! If you would like to donate to the cause, you can still do so at: www.gofundme.com/mistletoe4leti.

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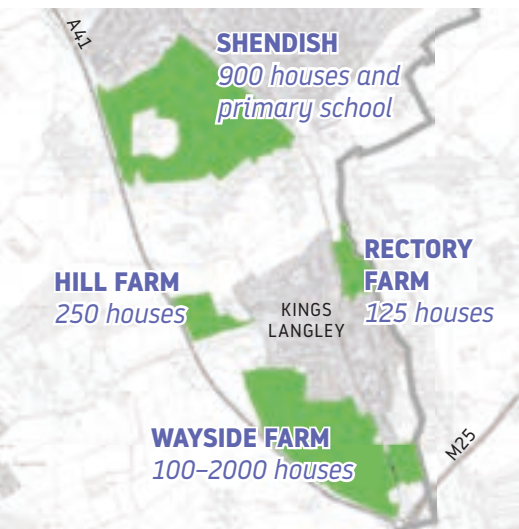
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Planning update

Dacorum Borough Council is required by legislation to produce a document called a Local Plan, which will guide the development of the whole Borough up to 2036.

The process of producing a Local Plan is lengthy and has already caused a lot of controversy in Kings Langley – the initial *Issues and Options* consultation last Autumn considered a large amount of potential Green Belt development around the village as shown below:



The Borough Council was waiting for the Government to set its housebuilding requirement before proceeding, and when Parliament recessed on Tuesday 24 July, the Government finally published its revised formula for calculating housebuilding requirements.

However, the revised formula is quite different from the draft formula, and discussions are ongoing as to whether it changes anything in relation to Dacorum's calculation. Meanwhile, the Council is resuming the Local Plan process, and will be conducting a second round of consultation in the Autumn, which will include a preferred option.

At this stage we cannot say what will be in the consultation, but in the meantime, please be aware that we are doing everything we can to minimise the impact on the Green Belt.

– Councillors Alan Anderson and Bob McLean, Kings Langley, Dacorum Borough Council.

The greener view...

Gary Ansell, Chair of the Kings Langley and District Residents Association (KLDRA), comments on the latest Green Belt situation

You might be forgiven for thinking that it was OK to build on the Green Belt. Equally you may be forgiven for thinking that it wasn't OK to build on the Green Belt. The problem is you get a different response depending on who you ask, and the messages from central Government are muddled.

At the launch of the draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), in March this year, Prime Minister Theresa May declared that 'the answer to our housing crisis does not lie in tearing up the Green Belt'. Five months later in August, Liz Truss, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said there needs to be more housing developments on the Green Belt, without really offering any evidence for her assertion and in the face of overwhelming evidence that there are more than enough brownfield sites to meet the country's housing needs with some to spare.

Is it any wonder local people don't know what is going on or who to believe? The assumption appears to be that releasing Green Belt land will mean there will be more affordable housing locally as building costs will be lower. But Green Belt land

is more expensive to purchase so once planning permission has been granted developers argue they need to reduce the amount of affordable housing they promised to build to make the site financially viable. As a result, nationally the proportion of affordable units on greenfield sites in the Green Belt has decreased from 100% in 2010/11 to 28% in 2017/18.

But it is not just Green Belt development which is affecting the character of villages such as Kings Langley. Whilst the Residents Association are keen to see smaller developments than those currently being considered by Dacorum, recent months have seen planning applications submitted for demolishing one house and replacing it with two, three or four houses on the same plot. It is not clear what housing need this is addressing.

As part of our continuing dialogue with Dacorum about housing development in the borough, we have asked what additional brownfield sites have been identified in the last 12 months and how many of those are suitable for development. Watch this space.

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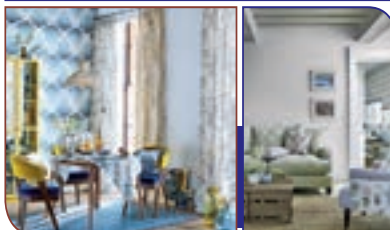


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Incredible Edible for Kings Langley?

Earlier this year TiK (Transition in Kings) welcomed Sahira Ward – a regional facilitator for Incredible Edible – to their open meeting.

With her fellow volunteers she has created an 'Incredible Edible' garden in Dunstable making a real difference to an area of unsightly waste land and leading to the community coming together with a common purpose.

The Incredible Edible project began in 2008 through the imagination and passion of a small group of friends in the Yorkshire town of Todmorden.

They saw unloved places and wondered if they planted veg in them and encouraged people to take what they needed they could create a conversation that would enable people to think differently about the power and potential of their future.

Incredible Edible seeks to show how ordinary people can transform their own landscapes and turned disused plots into abundant sources of healthy food. People took notice of the simple model, and today over 100 groups in the UK and many more around the world call themselves Incredible Edible.

Those present left the TiK meeting eager to start something similar in Kings Langley! If you're interested, email transitioninkings@gmail.com or come to an Open Meeting, 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am – 12noon at The Hub, Rectory Farm. www.incredibleediblenetwork.org



PHOTO: CAROLYN ANDREWS

Left: Lots of fun was had decorating some of the 27 trees exhibited by local organisations at last year's festival

of your choice to either tell a story or represent your group or organisation.

It is not a competition; there are no prizes, simply a great opportunity to exhibit in an imaginative and festive way and to be part of a unique mixture of heritage, community expression and fun – all part of our celebration of Christmas.

During the festival, the public will be invited (for a small entrance donation) to wander through the forest of decorated trees, enjoying refreshments and soaking up the festive atmosphere.

You can either provide your own tree and decorate it, or a tree can be provided for you to decorate, with power for tree lighting if required. *The spaces for trees will be limited in number and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis!*

For more information about the festival and an entry form, or to get involved, email allsaintskingslangley@outlook.com or leave a message with the church office 01923 266596

Call for entries!

Last Christmas your parish church, All Saints' Church, held their inaugural Christmas Tree Festival in early December.

Despite a heavy snowfall on the Saturday night which deterred all but the hardiest visitors on the Sunday, it was a great success! So much so that once again this year there will be a Christmas Tree Festival, from Friday to Sunday, 7 – 9 December.

The Festival is an opportunity for organisations, businesses, and families in the village to be part of a spectacular display within the beautiful historic church by decorating a Christmas tree – style and theme

Fibre Lounge wins big at Mollie Makes Handmade Awards

High Street newcomer The Fibre Lounge independent yarn shop has won the 'Handmade Champion' prize awarded by *Mollie Makes* – a National publication for handmade crafts. This award recognises the people promoting, supporting and championing all things handmade.

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Headteacher's suc

Gary Lewis grew up in Hemel Hempstead and attended JFK School so knows the local area well. After flirting with possible careers in plumbing and professional football, his father encouraged him towards teaching.

Gary's main interest was science, and he studied Physics at Nottingham University, followed by a postgraduate teaching certificate at Manchester University. Initially working in the independent sector, he spent three years at St Columba's College in St Albans, followed by a short spell at a school in Uxbridge. He was then lured by his former headteacher at JFK to return there as Head of Science and about that time he met his French-born wife and they set up home locally.

His career took a decisive turn when appointed deputy head of a Roman Catholic school in Hounslow, where he was 'groomed' to be headteacher. However, he was thwarted by the local authority requiring headteachers to hold the professional diploma, the NPQH, which Gary only acquired later.

He therefore searched for other headships, and his wife spotted the Kings Langley vacancy and persuaded him to apply. He arrived for interview in a rather sullen mood, but by the time he got to the entrance he thought 'I want this school!' He made it clear in interview that he didn't have an instant solution for the school's problems but would, if appointed, radically change it long term. Within half an hour, the governors decided this was the person they wanted.

Since 2002, he has carried out his promise. The school is oversubscribed, well regarded in the community, and popular with parents and teachers. OFSTED notes that the students are proud of their school, but Gary is disappointed that the 'Outstanding' accolade has not yet been awarded. Despite good academic results he is

Discover more this September

Herts Open Studios 2018 is running from 8 – 30 September 2018. This popular annual event connects art-lovers and artists and is even bigger this year, with 150 artists taking part at almost 70 solo and group venues across the County.

As always, visitors will be able to enjoy a rich mix of free-to-enter experiences including personal studios, live demonstrations, exhibitions and more. Hosted by Herts Visual Arts and established almost 30 years ago, it's a unique opportunity for inspiration and discovery – a popular fixture of Hertfordshire's annual art calendar.

Six local artists from Kings Langley, Abbots Langley and the surrounding area are exhibiting in the Henderson Hub, High Street Abbots Langley:



Eleanor Sidaway: mixed media 2D, painting
Jonathan Checkley: calligraphy, mixed media 2D
Kathy Foster: painting
Pete Greening: painting
Pauline Heginbotham: mixed media 2D, painting
Ann Trotter: mixed media 2D, textiles

The following local artists are exhibiting in their studios:
Tracy Ford: ceramics – Sarratt
Dick Onians: sculpture – Commonwood, Chipperfield
Graham Boyd: painting – Chipperfield
Peter Williamson: metal, sculpture, wood – Abbots Langley

For full details of all the artists taking part throughout the county, visit: hvaf.org.uk/Open-Studios or see them at many shops in the High Street or from the

Success story



PHOTO: HEATHER ANDERSON

determined not to turn the school into an 'exam factory', believing passionately in a broad, balanced education, with proper place for the arts and humanities, and developing the whole child. He has become a leader in the field of Character Education, chairing the national association and presenting to governor

bodies. He takes pride in the rich opportunities provided by his school, stressing it is truly comprehensive and diverse; he believes that selective education is socially and academically divisive.

Gary is keen to encourage links between the school and the local community and his young people get involved in various outreach activities. Whilst his main concern is for the wellbeing of students, he recognises that teaching is a tough, demanding profession and is concerned that many promising young teachers leave their posts because of the stresses involved; at Kings Langley School, teachers who are struggling with work/life balance can refer to an internal counselling service.

Last year Gary was appointed Executive Headteacher at Cavendish school in addition to his Kings Langley headship; the troubled Cavendish is now 'on the up', and Kings Langley continues to exhibit a happy, relaxed and well-regulated school atmosphere evident to visitors and OFSTED inspectors!

– Gary Lewis was interviewed by Harold Taylor

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At All Saints we have eight bells, so to ring them all, we need eight ringers. We can make a very nice noise with six ringers but below that it starts to get more difficult. Although we have nine regular ringers, failing health, family commitments and holidays mean that recently we have struggled. We do have two lovely people learning but it would be great to have a few more to spread the load, or people who have rung in the past and are interested in trying again.

Ringling church bells is an amazing thing. There is the exercise (getting up the stairs!), the gentle stretching is good for the body, there is the mental acuity needed and of course camaraderie. It's a team effort! We practice on a Wednesday evening and ring on Sunday 8.55am – 9.30am.

Fancy giving it a go? Please contact Sue Bassett, svebassett@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01923 262510

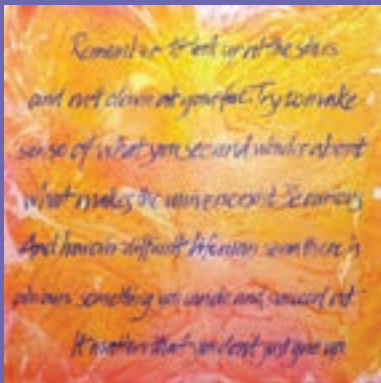


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** The largest bell weighs 11cwt 2qtrs 18lb and was cast in 1958*

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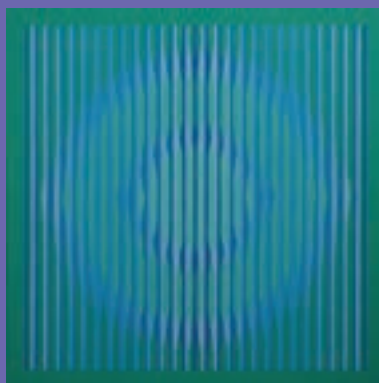
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Not dead and buried!

The Kings Langley Local History & Museum Society is still working hard despite suspending the monthly talks in the Baptist Church due to lack of volunteers (they are all getting older).

Members are still being recruited but there is no longer an annual subscription, and the AGM was held in April when officers were elected.

The Archivists meet in the Community Library, The Nap, on a Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm, to tackle any problems that have arisen, and any emails written to the website. Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement.

The society is a 'Collecting Society' under the umbrella of the Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT) which exists as a Museum Store in Berkhamsted. The Kings Langley collection consists of 13,000 documents and artefacts – mainly stored at the DHT store but some in the Society Bookcase in the Library. The Ovaltine archive from the factory in Station Road (which ceased production in 2002), is also looked after by DHT at the Museum Store.

For membership requests, or any other questions please email delangley5@gmail.com

– Denis Miles, President

In June the WI had a very successful day at the Carnival promoting one of their many campaigns *Plastic in our Oceans* which generated a lot of interest from the public.

July was their 99th birthday which was celebrated with a party, a superb buffet prepared by members with lots of homespun entertainment. The safari supper evening in August was a great success; 24 members, three different venues. Three members opened their homes and prepared delicious food – and a glass or two – after all it was a walking supper!

These are just a few of the events held each year... there are interesting and varied speakers, demonstrations and much more.

In 2019 they celebrate their centenary, as do Hertfordshire county WI. There will be lots of celebrations taking place here in Kings Langley and all over Hertfordshire. It's going to be a very exciting year for the WI.

The WI meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday every month, in the Community Centre – all are welcome!

Contacts:
President: Joyce Gray 01923 263213
Secretary: Wendy Buckland 01923 263348

Above: The ladies of Kings Langley WI enjoy a Strawberry Tea Party in the garden of one of its members.



Kings Langley – pioneers in Royal Plumbing

History buffs in the village will know that Edmund of Langley was the fifth son of King Edward III. Edmund was born in the royal palace at the top of Langley Hill on 5 June 1341. His mother, Queen Philippa of Hainault, was churched in All Saints parish church a few days later. Langley Palace continued to be Edward's favourite country residence until he began building Eltham Palace on the other side of London.

When Edmund was young, Edward began a major refurbishment of Langley Palace on which he spent £3,000 – a very large sum at that time. It included the rebuilding of the bath house, bathing being one of the King's priorities (his Palace of Westminster bathroom featured bronze taps in the form of leopards).

In 1351, he made a plumbing breakthrough by introducing what was probably the first English bathroom with running hot and cold water, with one tap for hot and another for cold. Royal accounts record payments for 'a large square lead cistern for heating water at Langley Palace.' After giving orders for the furnace to be lit, the king could control the flow of water into the bath as he desired. Sadly, no trace remains of this splendid royal suite.

Edward III gained his reputation as 'the perfect king' by his heroic deeds on the battlefields of France but he was evidently also a connoisseur. He founded the Order of the Garter but it was a later monarch, George I, who created the Order of the Bath - a missed opportunity for Edward III!

Source: *The Perfect King – Edward III, father of the English nation* by Ian Mortimer



Prize pizza!

The correct entry drawn out of the hat for our Prize Xword no. 3 was from Geoff Budd who won a £50 voucher kindly donated by Oscars Pizza Co. We pictured him at the restaurant being congratulated by servers Greta Spangeleviciute and Sam Varley.

Answers to last issue's Prize Xword:

Across: 1 Spar, 4 Pope, 6 Begonia, 8 Owl, 9 Pit, 10 Langley Hill, 11 Cue, 12 Ohm, 14 Radiant, 17 Newt, 18 Wins
Down: 1 Sumo, 2 Rye, 3 Trowley Rise, 4 Phi, 5 Emit, 6 Blunder, 7 Apricot, 11 CERN, 13 Mars, 15 Apt, 16 Now

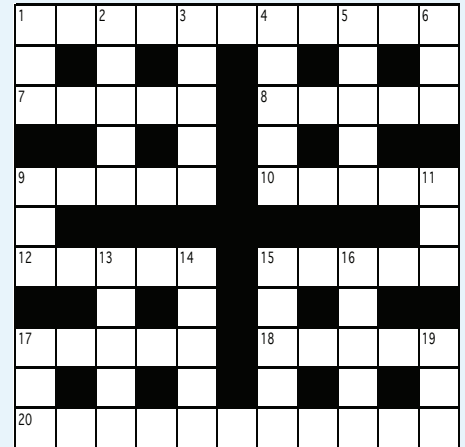
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Prize Xword

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Across

- 1 In the Village, it runs between the canal and the West Coast Mainline (7, 4)
- 7 One who is a member of the aristocracy (5)
- 8 Trembling (5)
- 9 Short piece of sacred choral music (5)
- 10 Scottish estate owner (5)
- 12 Make fabric from thread (5)
- 15 Short saying expressing general truth (5)
- 17 Distinctive cat family member (5)
- 18 General meaning of someone's remark (5)
- 20 There's one of these in the former Ovaltine Egg Farm (4, 7)

Down

- 1 Our nearest star (3)
- 2 In our valley, one of these is next to the Kings! (5)
- 3 Clumsy (5)
- 4 Relating to the nose (5)
- 5 Large relative of giraffe from Democratic Republic of the Congo (5)
- 6 Measure of time (3)
- 9 Jaws of a voracious animal (3)
- 11 Female rabbit (3)
- 13 Inert gaseous element (5)
- 14 Type of heron with white plumage (5)
- 15 Catkin bearing tree (5)
- 16 Evidence of being elsewhere during a crime (5)
- 17 What horses once did to canal boats (3)
- 19 Essential golfing item (3)

A summer of sport

As Kings Langley Football Club (KLFC) head into their third season in the Southern Premier League it has been an incredibly busy and interesting pre-season at Gaywood Park – on and off the pitch.

A fantastic summer of sport and weather, with England's run in the World Cup which saw many locals watching their matches on the club's brand-new patio while children of all ages played football on the pitches – a great community get together. Another sporting shock, less publicised, was the KLFC supporters beating the Fire Brigade at Tug-of-War at the Village Carnival!

The dry summer weather made an impact on many pre-season matches, with both home and away games being moved as clubs struggled to get the pitches playable. The Kings started pre-season at Wingate & Finchley in North London – the game being moved to an artificial pitch and ending 1-1; Then our friendly fixture against neighbours Hemel Hempstead was moved to Watford, with not such a big crowd – a good display but a 3-1 defeat. Four of the other five pre-season matches were won.

The league has started with two wins, two losses and a draw, with forthcoming league home games against Tiverton (15 September), Met Police (6 October) and Hendon (16 October). Season tickets are available in the clubhouse, so come down and support England's highest placed village football team: KINGS LANGLEY FC.
– Scott Robbins

STEINER SCHOOL what next?

After a lengthy period of discussion and negotiation with the Alpha Schools group, the Trustees of the Steiner school have confirmed that there will be no school opening on the site in September.

It appears that Alpha could not provide the necessary assurance to provide a Steiner education at RSSKL. This was a deal-breaker as it is one of the charitable objectives of the organisation and a constitutional obligation. It was evidently a very difficult decision to terminate negotiations having put so much time and effort into them and having come very close to reaching a deal.

The trustees are now focusing efforts and energy on seeking a suitable new partner with a view to opening a secure and sustainable Steiner school on site in the future. Meanwhile alternative RSSKL and community projects are being considered for the site.

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Proud to be celebrating our 80th year at the heart of the Kings Langley community, whatever you are looking for our ethos is 'together we can do it!'.

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The yarnbombers have taken over the High Street with their colourful creations! They go well with the tubs that the Parish Council supply with the help of Sunnyside Rural Trust who grow and plant the troughs for us, although the warden has had his work cut out this summer keeping all the troughs and flower beds watered.

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A welcome donation!

A donation of £500 has been made to support the Kings Langley Good Neighbours Lunch Club. This has come from profits from an online not-for-profit store run by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers in Hertfordshire, with MacMillan Cancer Support, Help for Heroes, and Neighbourhood Watch in Hertfordshire also benefitting.

Alan Johnson, Treasurer of the Lunch Club, says 'The club falls under the Kings Langley Good Neighbours Association 'umbrella' but has a separate organisational structure, banking arrangements etc. It meets every Tuesday in the Baptist Church Hall for a lunch of main course and dessert followed by tea or coffee.

There are about 25 members, most of whom live alone – and more members are welcome! There is a rota of volunteer helpers and drivers as nearly all the members have mobility issues meaning they need transport over even short distances. Members pay £6 each week to cover all costs with no extra charge for transport. Last year the Lunch Club were given a Community Award by the Parish Council for their service to the local community.

The volunteers try to provide something special on birthdays, at Easter and Christmas, with the help of donations; The net result is the Lunch Club is run on a shoestring and any additional funds ensure this vital service can continue to be provided to those for whom it provides a much needed lifeline.'



Overheard at the Good Neighbours' wine & cheese evening: 'It's good to put a face to a name on the list!' This event is arranged annually as a 'thank you' to our team of loyal volunteers, and this year was most enjoyable. Helpers at the Tuesday Lunch Club quickly feel part of the team, but those who drive or man the Helpline can feel isolated, so we also arrange occasional Coffee Mornings for our volunteers.

The Neighbourhood Watch Store can be found at <https://owlprotect.uk/> and sells a range of products aimed at helping people keep themselves safer. Always popular are the OWL Card Minders that protect contactless credit/debit cards, all the way through to Patio door locks, telephone call blockers, and much more.

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"Helping older people in Kings Langley live a great life in a safe place, surrounded by people who care"

Support our local scouts for World Jamboree

Did you know there are over 1,000 Scouts just in the Hemel Hempstead District? Every four years, Scouts aged 14 – 17 from around the world gather at the World Scout Jamboree. It's the largest youth gathering on Earth with more than 40,000 Scouts present – the next one is in West Virginia USA, in July 2019.

The 12 day cross-cultural event is a life-changing experience for those lucky enough to attend, involving new adventures, cultures, and friendships, and a journey of personal development and independence.

After a rigorous selection process, 1st Kings Langley is very proud that two of its Scouts, Becky Harding and Timmy Gower, are among the seven chosen to go

from the Hemel Hempstead district, taking the name of our village across the world!

Each Scout has to raise £3,750 for the trip, and since selection Timmy and Becky have run a host of fundraising events towards this aim. The next event is a Wine Tasting evening on 13 October – full details and online booking at hemel-scouts.co.uk/winetasting

Good luck Becky and Timmy!

Winetasting Evening

Adults only (18+)

in aid of funds for the World Scout Jamboree in 2019

Saturday 13 October 2018

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road

Doors open: 7.00pm. Start: 7.30pm

Tickets £20.00 each to include 6 courses of wines, each with a 'light bite' and lots of fun included in the price!

Art



Life drawing sessions
The Forum, Frogmore
Paper Mill's Visitor Centre
Untutored drawing.
First Sunday of each month
11am – 4pm

Sport

Short Mat Bowls
Kings Langley Community Centre
Join our friendly group, no need to have your own bowls as we supply them.
Most Wednesdays 11am – 1.30pm.
£3.60 for Everyone Active Leisure Centre members, £4.60 non-members
For further information contact ritaelliott1@hotmail.com



Kings Langley Bowls Club
The Green, R/o Saracens Head. High Street Kings Langley
We welcome everybody – young, nearly young and older – to come along to the club Sunday Mornings to try bowls with the help of our qualified coaches. Friendly club with clubhouse and bar facilities and good social programme.
See our new website: kingslangleybowls.co.uk

Women's Institute

WI
Kings Langley Community Centre
All welcome.
Every second Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm
For further information please contact Joyce on 01923 263213 or Wendy on 01923 263348

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Bridge

Kings Bridge Club
Kings Langley Community Centre, The Nap
Friendly duplicate Bridge for players of all levels.
Every Monday 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Retired Professionals

PROBUS
Kings Langley Cricket Club
A club for retired PROfessional and BUSiness men which has a speaker every month, plus occasional excursions and dinners (including partners).
Every third Tuesday monthly at 10am
Contact the Secretary John Addy on 01923 264171 djaddy@djaddy.f9.co.uk

Computing

Using computers
Frogmore Paper Mill & Visitor's Centre, Fourdriner Way, Apsley
Drop in to our ukonline Centre, suitable for beginners and those wanting more practice. No need to book, just come along.
Fridays 10.30am – 1pm.
Free admission
Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

Music

'Jazz at the Club'
Kings Langley Services Club.
Free entry.
Every Tuesday at 8pm



Public Information

Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane
Parish Council Meetings are 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



KINGS LANGLEY

Village Diary

ONGOING EVENTS



Dog training

Gade Dog Training Society
Kings Langley Community Centre
Classes for puppies and adult dogs. Come along and watch our classes!
Tuesdays at 7.30pm
www.gadedogs.com

Over 55s

Evergreen Club
Kings Langley Community Centre
Speakers, entertainments, games, excursions etc.
Membership £5 per annum plus £2.50 admission.
Alternate Thursdays 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Contact Ann Martin for further information on 01923 267604

Arts & Crafts

KLAC Needles and Things
Toby Carvery, Kings Langley
Bring your own knitting, crochet, sewing, or join in with our Yarnbombing.
Wednesdays 10am to 12noon
For more information see our facebook page Kings Langley Arts and Crafts



Good Neighbours Association
Volunteers wanted for occasional driving to appointments, DIY around the home, and gardening.
Please call the helpline 9am-5pm any day 07790 668672 if you can help!

Country Market

Kings Langley Community Centre, back hall.
Good selection of unusual chutneys and pickles.
Thursdays 10am – 12noon

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Transition in Kings Langley
Parish Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane.
Open meetings, all welcome.
Every second Saturday monthly 10.00am – 12noon

Local Produce Market
High Street, Kings Langley.
Every third Saturday monthly 9am – 1pm

Growing vegetables
Rectory Farm
Come along and join us for a session.
Thursdays and Sundays 10am – noon
More more details contact transitioninkings@gmail.com

Parish Church

Harvest Thanksgiving
All Saints Church
All welcome,
7 October 9.30am

Fair trading

Traidcraft
Hollybank, Common Lane
Sale of fairly traded goods for Christmas.
20 October 10am – 2pm
All welcome