



Village News

New planning rules could see village population soar

Revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) came into force on 12 December 2024. Some of the key changes mean more houses will be built in and around our village and there will be less protection afforded to our valuable Green Belt.

The Government has changed how it calculates housing numbers and, without boring you with the details, what this means is more new houses being forced on our Local authorities.

On top of this, we are faced with much more housing development on the Green Belt as it is no longer afforded the same protection. Now it's harder to challenge large developments in Local Plans or individual planning applications.

With developers jumping in ahead of the determination of Local Plans, the cumulative impact of new development in Kings Langley already is shown in the chart on the right.

Sadly, this is likely to be the tip of the iceberg. That said, the KL&DRA will continue to fight for our Green Belt but now, more than ever, it is important for residents as individuals to get involved and respond to consultations and planning applications. We will always

Kings Langley developments:

Dacorum side

- Rectory Farm: **135** homes (+55 homes already built)
- Network House: **135** homes (permission granted)
- Shendish: **500** homes
- Hill Farm: **150** homes
- Shafford Knoll: **33** homes plus a care home (awaiting decision)
- Total: 1,008** homes

Three Rivers side

- Woodlands Road: **37** homes (granted)
- Alpine Press: **32** homes (granted)
- Toms Lane: **19** homes (granted)
- The Flower House: **19** homes (already in Local Plan)
- Numbers Farm: **863** homes (at the moment, withdrawn from Local Plan).

publicise how, when and where residents can have their say and we will also provide everyone with understandable translations of the planning-speak.

– Gary Ansell, Chair of Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA)

Apathy or lack of awareness?

Out of a village population of some 5,300, less than 3% attended to learn about another local housing development which could have a significant impact on Kings Langley's character and infrastructure.



Sunnyside's Sophie and Craig ran a propagation workshop during the consultation event

On 29 & 30 November 2024, Kings Langley School hosted a 'community event' by The Hill Group, Silversaw Ltd. and JTP Architects to publicise their scheme. Sunnyside Rural Trust, who are also involved with the development, provided some attractions and activities including a chicken run, a market stall and an apple press. Free coffees and pastries were also on offer.

However, the visitors' book for the two days showed that less than 150 people attended the presentation. For those of you who were either unable to attend, or were unaware of the presentation, we report on the event on our centre pages...

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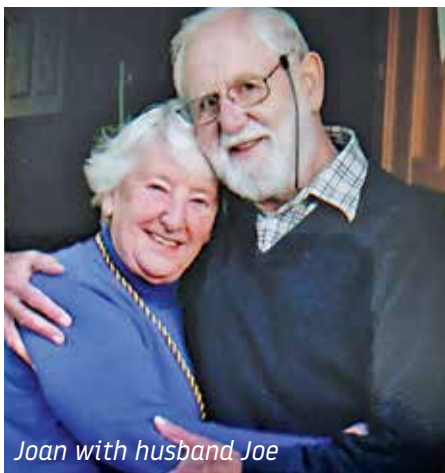
Joan Graham RIP

Joan Graham, former Parish Councillor, school governor and teacher, died aged 92 on Friday 8 November.

Joan, who lived in Kings Langley for 62 years, became exceptionally well known in the village, teaching PE and Maths for many years at Kings Langley School. She was a founding member of Good Neighbours and a stalwart of the WI, where she loved to participate in performances. She also set up a babysitting group and league netball team for new mums in the village.

The daughter of a mine surveyor, Joan was raised in the communities of the Durham coalfield during the harsh years of the 1930's Depression, WW2 and post-war austerity.

Schooled mostly in Birtley, where she first met her late husband Joe, she excelled at sport, playing netball and hockey at county level. While teacher training at Matlock she used Youth Hostels to explore the Peak District and, for fun, almost qualified for Wimbledon too.



Joan with husband Joe

She married Joe in 1954, lived in South Shields, enjoying the humour of the Tyneside dockworker apprentices to whom she taught key skills. They moved to Leicester, where she played for their first ever mixed hockey team, and then on to Kings Langley.

Both Joan and Joe were fully involved in the WEA and took innumerable evening classes across a wide range of subjects; she became adept at painting, tapestry and pottery. They attended concerts and plays, held bridge evenings and created legendary New Year gatherings, involving games and true northern first-footing. The family used holidays

to travel the UK, rarely staying in one place long, and taking every opportunity to explore and go wild swimming, before it became a mainstream hobby. Post-retirement, the couple travelled extensively through Europe and also visited Canada, Morocco and Kenya.

Resilience and independence forged in youth remained evident through her later years. Joan has been described as 'a wonderful neighbour', 'truly lovely lady', 'a second mum', 'independent and strong', 'feisty', 'a privilege to know', 'a pleasure to care for' and 'of quick intelligence and sense of humour'.

Joan and Joe loved living in Kings Langley and their family wish to thank their incredible Osborne Avenue neighbours for years of friendship and support.

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Village's produce market celebrates ten years

A monthly market held in the village has been successfully operating for ten years, withstanding a pandemic, bad weather and a relocation.

In 2014 the Transition in Kings group had the idea to set up a market to support local producers, reduce food miles and increase awareness of purchasing locally made products.

With the goal of only selling produce from within 25 miles of Kings Langley the market began in its original high street location with bread from Redbournbury Mill, Food for Kings from Rectory Farm and a handful of other stalls.

The market rapidly grew and expanded along the High Street and, after ceasing trading during Covid, organisers received permission from the Parish Council to use the Village Garden in order to achieve the required social distancing.

This proved such a successful solution that the market is still thriving there today. In the winter months the stalls move into All Saints Church which provides protection from the elements for stallholders and customers. The team behind the market extend their gratitude to Father James McDonald and the church for enabling this.



All Saints Church hosts the market in inclement weather. Left, the Bakehouse, with its fresh artisan pastries, bread and cakes, is always a popular stall



Above: Long-standing stall holder Redbournbury Mill produces a range of stoneground organic flours and sells delicious hand-made breads

For many stallholders Kings Langley is their favourite market because of the location and the friendliness of the people so we asked a number of stallholders why they enjoy taking part.

Redbournbury Mill: 'There's a real sense of village cohesion and community at Kings Langley that we do not always experience at some other markets. Such a lovely monthly community event. Long may it continue.'

The Secret Macaron: 'I can't speak highly enough of this vibrant community hub! Every month, it's a joy to set up my stall among such a diverse and passionate group of farmers, artisans, and food creators. The atmosphere is warm, bustling, and welcoming.'


Food for Kings: 'We have been at the market right from the beginning with our locally grown vegetables. We're really happy to bring this tasty locally grown produce to the market.'

Yuliia and Danylo from **Kings Harvest**, which specialises in growing microgreens, said 'We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join the market. It's truly inspiring to see the residents of the village come together to support their local producers. It's a priceless experience.'



Food for Kings sell only what they can grow, with plenty to offer in the months of the UK growing season. Above: The Secret Macaron's colourful food offer

The market takes place on the third Saturday of every month, from 9am to 12.30pm. If anyone would like to join the event's volunteer team, they would be very welcome. Please email johnmorrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk for further information.




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Fundraisers tuck in to festive feast and raise £1,000

Christian Aid supporters raised more than £1,000 for vulnerable communities around the world through an evening of food and fellowship at La Banq in Abbots Langley.

76 members of Christian Aid Kings Langley gathered for the event (pictured below), where a Long Service Award was presented to Harold Taylor, a committee member of 36 years standing – ten as chairman.

Treasurer Chris Pettit explained 'Not all our ideas for raising funds are as pleasant as this. The event was made possible through the generosity of the restaurant proprietors, while the staff helped to make this a memorable evening'.

Funds raised by supporters go towards helping Christian Aid's local partners carry out emergency humanitarian aid and long-term projects.

Last month the organisation ran its Christmas Appeal which shone a light on South Sudan where hundreds of thousands of people are seeking safety from the conflict in neighbouring Sudan.

Christian Aid and its partners carry out initiatives aimed at supporting families as they settle into the refugee camps, and in the longer term as they try to forge new lives.

Anyone wanting to support Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal or make a donation can still do so by visiting www.christianaid.org.uk and clicking on 'Appeals' to find out more.



Left: Santa Claus and his helpers on the streets of Kings Langley.

If you would like to book a stall at the 2025 Village Carnival when bookings open in February, please email stalls-KLCarnival@hotmail.com

Santa Claus came to town

On a chilly night in late December, six hardy souls from the Kings Langley Carnival Committee, plus their friends and families, gathered outside the Ovaltine apartments ready to shake collection buckets for the Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club's Santa Sleigh.

Santa, Rudolph, his elves and helpers were bringing joy, seasonal songs and lots of fun to children of all ages in Kings Langley, having previously visited many local areas including Hemel and Abbots Langley as part of their travels during December.

The circuitous route from the Ovaltine building took in most of the residential streets in the village between Great Park and Coniston Road and included numerous 'stops' along the way for photos and chats with Santa – a letter or two (and chocolates) for Santa and the odd carrot for Rudolph. Everyone who took part, including the helpers, parents and most especially the children, had a wonderful time.

The monies raised will go towards local charities and good causes as well as the area's organisations who helped Santa on his rounds.

For the Carnival team, planning has already started for this year's event on 21 June 2025. Anyone who would love to know more about sponsoring the Carnival, playing a part on the day as a 'Half Hour Hero' or joining a friendly Carnival planning group, please contact the team via the website kingslangleycarnival.com or via Facebook.

Christian Aid carol singing success

Children from two local schools delighted shoppers in The Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead on 13 December, with their lovely carol singing, raising £625 for Christian Aid in the process.

Nash Mills Church of England Primary School sang in the morning and The Divine Saviour Primary School from Abbots Langley in the afternoon. A mixture of traditional carols and modern songs brought joy to passers by. Many shoppers commented on how much they appreciated it, and the children clearly enjoyed performing.

Below: children from Nash Mills Church of England Primary School



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Splish Splash – Christmas Lights switch on!

The annual Parish Council Christmas Lights Festival in December enjoyed its usual mixture of rides, stalls, shops, entertainment and, of course, Santa. Unfortunately, less enjoyable was the Biblical weather which saw heavy rain and high winds playing havoc with preparations on the day.

‘To quote the immortal line “If you build it, he will come”. Sure enough Santa arrived as the finishing touches were made to his grotto and an orderly queue started to form. It is always a special part of the day,’ said

Councillor Alan Johnson. Santa was, as ever, supported by his Elves from the Revelation Majorettes and 1st Apsley Scouts.

Everyone made light of the conditions, determined to enjoy themselves, spending some money at the many stalls whilst eating a mince pie and quaffing a glass of mulled wine. As the time approached for the first of the afternoon’s performers – Kings Langley Primary School Choir – the numbers of people in the High Street multiplied. The choir provided a highly entertaining mixture of carols and festive pop songs.

This year it was left to Santa to switch on the Christmas lights and, magically, the rain stopped just in time. The evening ended with Kings Langley’s very own Community Choir singing us out as the stalls began to put away their goodies and parish councillors began the inevitable clearing up operation.

Cllr Johnson added, ‘There are always so many people to thank, including the High Street traders who stay open offering Christmas treats and decorating their shops with an abundance of glitz and glitter, to the firemen and women who make such a fuss of the children around the fire engine. We are very lucky they make this such a fabulous event.’

The winner of the Best Dressed High Street window competition was Sweet as a Button.

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Bye-bye Kings Langley village?

Green Belt land north of Chipperfield Road is under threat of development with a proposed 'new neighbourhood' of up to 150 homes, ranging from 1-bed to 5-bed two-storey dwellings, including 50% of affordable housing.

The developers state that nearly 2,500 flyers had previously been hand delivered within the Parish Council boundary, but *Village News* has discovered that many residents were sadly oblivious to the fact that such a scheme was even being proposed.

The two-day presentation at Kings Langley School included display boards and a virtual reality headset which allowed visitors a three-dimensional view of the Farmstead proposal. Representatives were on hand to respond to visitors' queries.

In a collaboration between the developer, Sunnyside Trust and Kings Langley School, the incorporation of the on site Farmstead is planned to provide rural and horticultural learning and therapeutic activities for children.

In addition, there is the intention to include green open space and play areas, habitat ponds, cycling and walking routes, a community and education building and a café/ farm shop. Access would be from Love Lane (pedestrians and cyclists only) and a new vehicular entrance/



exit to be created on Chipperfield Road by demolishing the house at no. 36 (which has already been acquired by the developer).

The landowner, Silversaw Ltd., states the development 'will help Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) meet its housing delivery targets'. An Outline Planning Application (OPA) is expected to be submitted in early 2025. Subject to planning approval, construction is anticipated to start in 2027.

David H Cox, a director of Silversaw Ltd., assured *Village News* that the development would be a high quality, lower density scheme which will be developed in consultation with the community. He was adamant that the land, given its proximity to services and transport, is highly suited for development, if not now, then in the future.

'DBC's emerging plan does not meet targets being imposed by the new Labour government. The development as proposed will deliver much needed homes and benefits to the local community which should not be missed,' he added.

Phil Bell, managing director of Motion Consultants Ltd., was on hand to respond to traffic-related questions. He claimed that the new development would have 'no noticeable effect on local road traffic'. This was based on predictions by a Trip Rate

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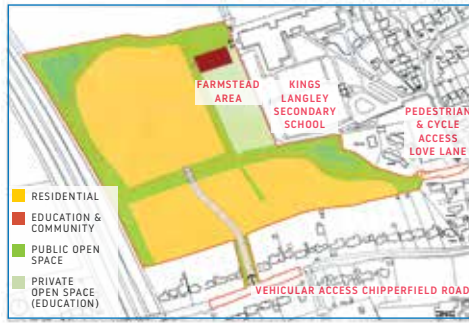
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The site's location within our village and, above, the proposed use of land

The Sunnyside Trust have drawn up their plans for the creation of a Farmstead area in conjunction with Kings Langley Secondary School, with participation by the pupils. It would be beneficial for all children, but especially those with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHPC). It is envisaged that the Farmstead would offer students some respite from a busy school environment.

Information Computer System (TRICS), a database of surveys taken from across the UK.

He suggested that 'There would only be an additional 75 vehicle movements per hour at peak times. Of those, approximately 80% will head east towards the village, so the maximum increase in traffic along Vicarage Lane/ Langley Hill/ Love Lane would be only 60 per hour (or one per minute).'

He told us proposals would include improvements to local bus stops and a financial contribution towards increasing the frequency of passing buses.

He also felt that, with the houses being within an easy walk to the two Love Lane schools, there could actually be a reduction of cars ferrying pupils.

Village News spoke with local residents to gauge their reactions. A couple from Vicarage Lane, who did not wish to be named, were very cynical about these claims. 'The idea of 3 to 5-bed dwellings only having one car each is ludicrous – and no consideration has been given to the additional delivery vans, service vehicles, tradesmen and visitors the estate would attract. Our local roads are simply unable to support any increase in the volume of traffic.'

A resident who lives on land adjacent to the proposed estate said 'I object in principle to any development on green belt land. The proposal as presented is quite sympathetic to the locality. However, an upsurge in traffic, questionable site access and increased pressure on our village infrastructure are also major concerns.'

Geoff Budd, who lives within a few doors of the proposed Chipperfield Road access, said 'This road is bad enough at the moment – it's a narrow, poorly maintained country road and the current local congestion problems will only be exacerbated by the addition of more traffic. Construction traffic on its own would be a nightmare.'

One thing is certain; with the combined developments of Shendish, Rectory Farm and the addition of this latest scheme, the increased housing in Kings Langley will probably result in it no longer feeling like a village with the character which drew some people to live here.

Full details of the scheme can be found by scanning this QR code or by visiting online at [LNCR.Place](https://www.lncr.place)



Crisis, what crisis?

Comment by Alan Johnson, Kings Langley Parish Councillor

The current government has promised to solve the housing crisis by building 1.5 million new homes in 5 years. However, whilst councils are giving planning permission; housebuilders are not building them.

In the last ten years three million dwellings got permission (300k a year) but one million have not been built. Why? The housebuilding market is dominated by a small number of firms who make bigger profits by building fewer dwellings and selling them at a higher profit.

Protecting the Green Belt isn't stopping developers. As intended, it prevents cities and towns expanding into the countryside. Green spaces can be damaged or disappear – you can't 'build' more.

No matter the intentions of the developer, the cumulative effect of local developments, e.g. Rectory Farm + Shendish + Hill Farm is equivalent to an increase in Kings Langley's housing stock

of nearly 40% in 5 years. None of these plans resolve the need to ensure schools, healthcare, shops and public transport are not overwhelmed.

Talk about developers 'having to provide affordable housing' refuses to acknowledge that affordable is defined as housing for rent or sale at 80 per cent of the market value. With the average rent locally at £1000+ per month, they're still too expensive.

The groups who really need housing, i.e. young people, first time buyers and those on low incomes, don't have the deposits necessary for private or rented properties, unless they qualify for social (council) housing when they can join the waiting list.

In contrast, protecting the Green Belt provides an incentive to redevelop brownfield land, particularly in towns and cities which have existing infrastructure, including better transport networks. Ironically, these are the places that are best suited to those who really need their own home, and provide the necessary labour market.

None of this seems to matter as talk is of bulldozing applications through the planning system.

The current planning system actually provides genuine scrutiny of local government decisions and consequently councils take great care to ensure decisions on new developments are evidence-based but still open to challenge. It looks increasingly like these decisions will, in future, be made in Whitehall with a rubber stamp.

Community Library appeals for boost to essential volunteers

Kings Langley Community Library has been volunteer-led for more than eight years and at the present time there are around 40 local volunteers on its books.

Of these, 26 provide front line services in the library dealing with customers, while the rest have other roles such as leading children's activities or working behind the scenes for fundraising and events, or managing the library and volunteers.

A small committee of four volunteers manage all the administration, but they would like to expand this to devote more efforts to volunteer training, event management and to promote the library activities to our community.

As one of 13 community libraries in Hertfordshire they have to follow all the rules and procedures set out by Herts County Council and have regular meetings with the Library Service to discuss progress. They also continue to develop relationships with local organisations.

If you have some time on your hands then they would love to hear from you! They could offer you the opportunity to work with a lovely group of friendly volunteers, whilst making a real difference to the local community.

Interested? You can register your interest by leaving your contact details with one of the volunteers in the library or contacting them directly on kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com

Methodist Church hosts 2025 world day of prayer

On Friday 7 March an estimated three million people across over 170 countries will gather to share an order of service, written this year by women from the Cook Islands. In the British Isles alone more than 5,000 services will be held.

The day begins when the sun rises over the island of Samoa, and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa some 35 hours later.

The Village Service this year will be held at the Methodist Church at 2pm and will be followed by tea and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Council explores junction improvements at bottom of Vicarage Lane

Kings Langley Parish Council has become increasingly concerned about the high number of accidents and near-misses at this junction and the difficulties of crossing Vicarage Lane at the junction.

Unfortunately, despite the level of accidents, this junction does not score sufficient criticality to be included in Hertfordshire County Council planning.

Collision data shows there have been seven collisions resulting in injuries recorded at the junction over the past decade. Of these collisions, three were reported as resulting in serious injuries, while the remaining four involved only slight injuries.

So the Council decided to commission a Feasibility Study from WSP Consultants to analyse the junction and come up with proposals as to how the junction can be made safer for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

The consultants have now considered the issues around the junction and their proposals were reviewed at December's Parish Council meeting. The suggestion for traffic lights

has been rejected as they would cause unwelcome bunching of cars in the High Street. WSP have recommended the installation of a mini-roundabout, pedestrian priority crossings at the bottom end of Vicarage Lane and the top of the Nap, together with traffic calming measures on the approach of Vicarage Lane to the junction. The existing pelican crossing to the south of the junction would be retained.

Councillor John Morrish, lead for the Council's Transport Group, told us 'We have been monitoring the situation at the junction for a number of years and, as this is not on Hertfordshire County Council's project list, we decided that now is the time for us to look for a solution ourselves. Now that we have the Feasibility Report, our next steps will be to work with Hertfordshire County Council, Dacorum Borough Council and other potential sources of finance to fund these much-needed safety improvements to the junction.'

Below: the current junction 'free-for-all'



Local Government boundary change proposed

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England and Wales has recently completed a review of ward boundaries within Dacorum which could see the village fall under a new ward of Kings Langley & Felden.

The proposal was made because Kings Langley is forecast to have 16% fewer electors than the average for Dacorum Borough Council by 2030 under the present arrangements, but will be only 4% fewer under this proposal.

Councillor Alan Johnson said, 'It should be pointed out that the proposals take no account of the development of 135 properties at Rectory Farm, the draft Local Plan proposals for 500 properties at Shendish or the proposals for 150 properties at Hill Farm.'

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A ten-week consultation is running until 10 February 2025. The proposals and opportunity to comment can be found at: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/dacorum>

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post to: **Review Officer (Dacorum), LGBCE, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ**

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Swimming Club establishes trophy to honour founder

Kings Langley Swimming Club (KLSC) has added a new trophy to its awards in memory of chairman and founding member, Harry Tyler.



And at the club championship competition recently, the inaugural Harry Tyler Cup For Most Improved Swimmer was presented to Mariella Crosskey by Diane and Ian, Harry's wife and son, in recognition of her incredibly hard work over the past 12 months.

'It was wonderful having Diane and Ian back at KLSC – together with Head Coach Robert Ingleby we were able to share many fond memories of Harry and our own experiences at KLSC. This would not have been possible without Diane and Harry,' said vice chair Karin Ingleby.

'It was a wonderful evening and the cup is a small tribute to Harry, as thanks for all the opportunities he gave young swimmers. We look forward to rewarding many swimmers with the Harry Tyler Cup in the future.'

KLSC is a friendly club that offers learn to swim sessions, club training and competition. See [www.kingslangley swimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.kingslangley.swimmingclub.co.uk) or email kingslangleyswimmingclub@gmail.com



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

The staff and service users at the Waterside Centre in Kings Langley were delighted with their early Christmas present – a new nine-seater bus, which has been specially equipped with a tail-lift for wheelchair access.

KLFC raising urgent funds to repair storm damage

Kings Langley Football Club is raising urgent funds to repair damage caused by Storm Darragh at the start of December.

Volunteers kindly gave up a day to make the site safe again before the repair work could begin, which is expected to cost thousands of pounds.

Fences around the youth pitches sustained significant damage and the unexpected bills the club now faces mean they have to put on hold any plans to improve facilities around the ground.

As a volunteer-run football club, looking after 400 local children, these sorts of unexpected expenses can often be crippling, so the club has set up a fundraising page at <https://gofund.me/6d068e7d>

Day centre manager Donna and her deputy Lisa explained 'Staff would take the guys out in their cars. But If someone has a specific/adapted wheelchair that can't be folded, it has meant that we couldn't include them. But this new bus changes all that!'

The vehicle was custom-built in Italy and has been leased by the trustees for a two-year period. This will enable them to assess usage, costs etc. before taking a decision about any long-term commitment.

Donna said 'We've been really looking forward to its delivery since April. When we were looking initially, there were a lot of second-hand buses on offer but they were about £50k with over 100k miles on the clock!

'Because this brand new one is leased, it will be maintained by the leasing company who will also carry out all the necessary regular health and safety checks. The only thing we have to worry about is the day to day running costs.'



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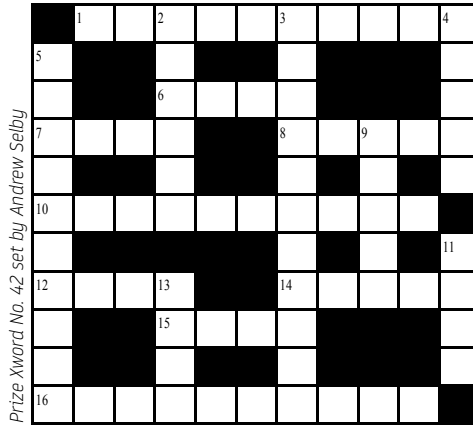
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Prize Xword

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Prize Xword No. 42 set by Andrew Selby

Across

- 1 Village byway in the Great Park area (10)
- 6 An old measure found in part of a cream tea! (4)
- 7 A mild cheese, originally from Holland (4)
- 8 While short, it means more than a part decoration (5)
- 10 Well known Village High Street enterprise with barrels outside (7,1,2)
- 12 In short, it cares for our feathered friends (4)
- 14 Astronomically speaking, it is directly below you, so look in a reorganized drain! (5)
- 15 Gollum's "treasure", as J. R. R. described it (4)

16 A village byway found mixed up in some nib erasers! (6,4)

Down

- 2 A glassy coating applied to a metallic surface (6)
- 3 Village enterprise reminiscent of two famous dance partners (4,1,6)
- 4 Publicly denounce (5)
- 5 Single bit of the main ingredient of a crispy coating applied to a number of cooked foods (10)
- 9 Tall, tropical and subtropical cone bearing, palm-like plant (5)
- 11 Shallow basket made from wooden strips, typically used to carry flowers or produce (4)
- 13 Bits of grain husk separated from flour after its milling (4)



PHOTO: BARRY KEMP

Geoff Budd is a regular entrant to our competition – and is becoming a regular winner! He was delighted to receive his magnificent food and drinks hamper from the Village News team. 'A wonderful start to the Christmas season!' he exclaimed.

Answers to Crossword No: 41
Across: 5 Common Lane, 7 Par, 8 Coo, 9 Bongo, 11 Air, 12 Wan, 13 lowan, 15 Tor, 16 Duo, 17 Lady Meadow.
Down: 1 Gonzo, 2 Compound Eye, 3 Ultraviolet, 4 Unscrew, 6 Roman, 9 Boots, 10 New Road, 14 Axiom

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PROBUS

Kings Langley Cricket Club.
 Probus is a club for retired men, meeting every third Tuesday in the month at 10am with a speaker and coffee. Occasional excursions, dinners and other special events (including partners) are also arranged.

Future events:

- 21 January:** 'Racing Around the World on Great Britain II', Ian Worley
 - 18 February:** 'Sentinels of the Sea – The Amazing History of Lighthouses', Mark Lewis
 - 18 March:** 'Where do Novelists get their ideas from?', Bobbie Darbyshire
- Contact the secretary, Mark Stannard on **07887 655292** or markstannard@hotmail.com for further information.

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