



Village News

Our village remembers

Kings Langley residents have long been proud to remember the sacrifices of men and women from our village, and the Memorial in the Village Garden at All Saints' Church has been the focus of Remembrance Day services for a hundred years.

One Hundred Years since the end of World War 1

Historic England notes 'Kings Langley War Memorial, erected in 1920, is listed at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

- *Historic interest:* as a war memorial that has strong cultural and historic significance within both a local and national context;
- *Commemorative:* as a poignant reminder of the tragic impact of

world events on the local community, and the sacrifice it made during the First and Second World Wars;

- *Design:* as an elegant Latin cross set upon a tapering shaft, octagonal plinth and stepped base;
- *Group value:* with the Grade II* listed All Saints' Church and Grade II listed monuments in the churchyard.'

The Memorial was funded by local subscription and erected in 1920 to commemorate 38 residents of Kings



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Langley who died during the World War 1. It was unveiled on 10 October 1920 by Sir Thomas Frederick Halsey (1839–1927), a Conservative politician and army officer, who had served as MP for Hertfordshire.

The events this year will allow today's villagers the chance to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought and those who didn't return home, especially from WW1.



Village Garden memorial tree

The village has planted a memorial tree in the Village Garden marking the 100 year anniversary since the end of the First World War.

Following the wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 11 November, the memorial tree and plaque will be formally unveiled by Sarah Fisher, a descendant of Dr Reginald Fisher who made the Village Garden land available for public use.

The plaque will commemorate all those villagers, men and women, who served their country in the First World War.

'The tree is a liquid amber variety,' explained Parish Councillor Alan Johnson. 'We chose it because it has warm autumn colours of orange, yellow and purple and, importantly, it is amongst the last of the deciduous trees to relinquish its autumn foliage.'



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One year on...

The *Kings Langley Village News Association* came into being a year ago when the first steps were made towards production of today's *Village News*, with members sought to help fund the publication of our first edition.

Prior to our current, 5th issue, the AGM of the *Village News Association* was held on Tuesday 16 October at the cricket club and 24 members were in

attendance (the current membership is 49). The chairman John Addy summarised a successful year, with advertising now funding each edition, a dedicated production committee and a team of volunteers delivering them to every household in the parish and beyond. There is a strong and productive link with the Parish Council which it is vital to maintain.

The feedback from the floor on the newspaper so far was very positive,

reflecting the anecdotal feedback from village residents, with the colourful format being highly appreciated.

The Village News is still on the lookout for more help – for people able to support and provide backup on editorial and design/layout issues, for more distributors able to provide holiday cover or to expand the current distribution, and for regular input of stories and articles (with photos) to publish in the Village News.

The Village Remembers

As well as traditional Remembrance Day events, this year Kings Langley is also marking the Centenary of the Armistice that brought about the end of WW1. The Parish Council, village churches, Local History & Museum Society and British Legion are joining for various events on Sunday 11 November as follows:

- 8.30am** Communion service - All Saints' Church
9.30am Bell ringing for Remembrance Service
10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service – All Saints' Church
10.45am Procession from All Saints to War Memorial
11.00am Act of Remembrance – War Memorial
11.20am Memorial Tree Plaque unveiling – Village Garden
Refreshments will be served in the church hall, and the Local History & Museum Society will display records, photos and artefacts of WW1 in the small hall and in the church from 11.30am – 4pm.
12.30 pm Bell Ringing – Remembering the 1400 ringers who died in WW1
7.00pm Bell Ringing – Battle's Over: ringing out for peace

Contacts for your local Village News...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements, and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to kingslangleynews@gmail.com

Or by post to: *The Editor, Kings Langley Village News, c/o Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley WD4 9HR*

The next edition of *Village News* will be available in January 2019, the deadline for copy and advertising is Friday 14 December 2018.


Geraldine Meikle, a *Village News* reader, has sent us a poem she created during the Creative Writing sessions run by Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society. Based on true events, she hoped it might dispel the myth that knitting is something only done by old ladies who have nothing better to do!

*Knit one, purl one and watch the road
 Knit key messages in morse code.
 Purl one, knit one, dash and dot
 Tell our soldiers about this lot.
 Drop a stitch – well that's a train
 Stitch a purl – it's back again.*

*But knitting isn't new to war
 It's been used many times before.
 Old Mom Rinker, a Washington spy
 Knitted as the Brits went by.
 Phyllis Doyle, a Churchill girl,
 Spied on the Germans with a knit and a purl.
 Madame Levenge, in WW1, tapped a code out to her son
 She'd knit at the window as the Germans went by
 Her son scribed her code – to help her spy.*

*These brave, unsung heroes used their skill
 To protect from men who maim and kill.
 And maybe some still use it today
 In distant places, far, far away
 Where war still rages and battles unfurl
 And knitting needles clack with a knit, knit, purl.*

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There but not there

The project *There But Not There*, run by the charity Remembered, aims to place a representative figure for names on local war memorials around the country, with transparent seated silhouettes being a visible commemoration for the end of the First World War.

Kings Langley Parish Council has obtained ten of the transparent silhouettes through a grant and these have been placed in All Saints' Church for the period of Remembrance. The project aims are to **Commemorate**, **Educate** and **Heal**.

Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

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Heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds through sales of our silhouettes.



*They went with songs to the battle,
they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady
and aglow.
They were staunch to the end
against odds uncounted;*

*They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*

– From *For The Fallen* By Laurence Binyon

The transparent silhouettes are in place at All Saints' Church

*For more information about the project, please visit:
www.therebutnotthere.org.uk*

Can you spare a little time?

The *Kings Langley Evergreen Club* is a thriving social club which meets every other Thursday afternoon at the Community Centre in The Nap. Many of our club members need a lift from their homes – in and around the village – to and from the hall on club days. Could you spare just a little time every other Thursday to become one of our dedicated drivers? You'd be one of our friendly team of volunteers who actually get enjoyment themselves from helping out.

The club offers entertainment, quizzes and other activities and is really appreciated by our 40 or so club members. Do you have a friend, relative or neighbour aged over 60 who might like to come along to the club as a member? Between now and the end of the year we are meeting on 8 November, 29 November and 13 December for our Christmas Tea Party. *See back page for contact details.*

Art around our village

KLACS were thrilled to have been asked by the Parish Council to be involved in celebrating the centenary. Our ladies have been creating wreaths, garlands and showers of poppies to decorate specific areas of the village. Our art group have painted six pictures to commemorate those lost in the war. All of our members have been committed to producing something significant for the village.
– KLACS committee



Above; some of the decorative works produced by the ladies of KLACS

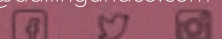


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PLANNING UPDATES from Councillors Alan Anderson and Bob McClean, Kings Langley, Dacorum Borough Council



Bad news – motorway service area proposal

Some readers may have seen reports in the *Watford Observer* about Three Rivers District Council planning officers working to obtain a new motorway service area in the corner of land to the South of the M25 J20 roundabout, with access via a new roundabout on the A41.

We are opposed to it, as it would significantly reduce the Green Belt separating Watford and Hemel Hempstead, plus it would make the existing traffic congestion problems at this location far worse, and it would have a very harmful effect on the economic health of the High Street.

Sir Mike Penning MP has already pledged support for our campaign, and this could be crucial, as given the importance of the project, it could ultimately be determined by the Government.

Three Rivers Local Plan

Three Rivers District Council has published a consultation document on potential future development sites, which includes locations bordering Kings Langley east of the canal.

The document can be viewed on the Council's website at www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/new-local-plan or in Abbots Langley Library.

Kings Langley and District Residents Association (KL&DRA) continue to fight all green belt development proposals and need local people to help by offering their time, expertise or financial support. You can get in touch via their website: www.greenbeltmatters.com, or by emailing residents@greenbeltmatters.com

Good news – the railway station is NOT closing

The County Council's Environmental Sustainability officers drew up a document full of 'outside the box' ideas on how to upgrade the local transport network for future demands.

Some of the ideas were daft, like the closure of Kings Langley and Apsley railway stations, and they were dropped from both the summary consultation document and the consultation, which ran from July to September.

However, that hasn't stopped one of the candidates in the County Council by-election from claiming that the councillors controlling the County Council are aiming to close these railway stations. This is completely untrue and reflects very badly on the political party making the claim!

Some ideas that did make it into the

consultation, meanwhile, were just as daft. Much of the controversy centred on restricting Fishery Road in Hemel Hempstead to public transport only, but there were plenty of other silly ideas, including, closer to home, barring right turns towards Kings Langley at the bottom of Two Waters Way, and bus lanes on the A41.

The consultation survey was completed to point out how ridiculous the ideas were, and fortunately both the County Council's highway officers and controlling councillors have since expressed grave concerns about the ideas, nearly all of which will inevitably be dropped.

Strategic Planning and green belt

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 this is lengthy and has already caused controversy in Kings Langley – the initial Issues and Options consultation in Autumn 2017 considered a large amount of Green Belt development around the village at Rectory Farm (125 houses), Hill Farm (250 houses), Shendish (900 houses and primary school) & Wayside Farm (100-2000 houses).

The Council had intended to conduct a second round of consultation this

Autumn, including the Government's housebuilding target set at the end of July, and our preferred housebuilding target, but the Government has now said it will not finally set our target until next Summer.

The housebuilding target is crucial, as it will determine the pressure on the Green Belt. If we're able to keep it at the capped level of 600 houses per year, then we'll be able to restrict the loss of Green Belt to the absolute minimum, which sadly includes the Rectory Farm site.

But if the Government sticks to the figure it set in Spring 2018 (1,100 houses per year), then we'd potentially be looking at the horrendous loss of all four sites around the village.

With the Government continually moving the goalposts, there was no way we could go through with the consultation this Autumn, and we are now forced to wait until next Summer before we can progress the Local Plan with the next consultation.

greenbeltmatters.com or through their Facebook page. You can drop off correspondence, application forms and donations at the Kings Langley Parish Office, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley WD4 9HR. Non-computer users can contact Ann Martin c/o this address for information about KL&DRA.

Cricket club update **An Improving Start to the Season for Kings Langley FC**

2018 was a good year for Kings Langley Cricket club; the first team narrowly missed out on promotion, there were numerous strong performances from our younger players and there were a record number of kids taking part in Juniors Training on Saturday mornings.

However, the planning for an even better year in 2019 has already begun. Therefore if you have any interest in playing cricket next year please get in touch. We run three senior sides which play in the Hertfordshire leagues. Our Vice-Presidents team plays social mid-week cricket and we provide junior training (and teams that play competitive matches) for children of five years old and up.

We're keen to hear from anyone who is interested in playing cricket, whether you're an experienced player or new to the game, five years old or 50. The club is inclusive and friendly. There are regular social events and we will be running winter nets and training sessions, so now is the time to get in touch!

Please contact Tom Templeton on 07788 971464 or by email to tom.templeton@yahoo.co.uk.



PHOTO: TOM TEMPLETON

The match was won with a goal scored by the new – and probably highest profile – signing Rene Howe (eight years a professional footballer). The recent arrival of Rene and young goalkeeper Charlie Burns has helped the KINGS move out of the relegation zone with the win against Chesham and away at Swindon Supermarine (4-3), plus a very credible draw (2-2) against Tiverton. The only recent league defeat being 1-0 away at Frome.

The KINGS played four FA Cup matches in September drawing 0-0 away at Northwood (taking over 100 away supporters), then winning the replay 3-1 including a fantastic headed goal by striker Mitchell Weiss. This was followed by a 1-1 draw at home to Lewes, although the KINGS had many chances to win that match, which made it even more heartbreaking to lose the replay 2-1 on the following Tuesday night replay in Sussex (again with excellent travelling support from the village).

On 24 November some of the club's supporters will be undertaking a sponsored 16 mile walk from the club to Beaconsfield Town FC in support of the SANDS (Stillborn & Neonatal Death Society) charity – any financial or verbal support on the route will be gratefully received.

After a run of harsh results against the team's actual performances at the start of the season (one point after four games), Kings Langley FC (KINGS) results finally turned a corner with a great late August Bank Holiday victory over our illustrious neighbours Chesham United.

The KINGS start another march to Wembley at home to Needham Market in the FA Trophy on Saturday 27 October, after which there are four home league games in November: Poole (3/11), Met Police (13/11), 'top of the table' Weymouth (17/11) and Hendon (27/11).

All club information is available on Twitter @KLFOfficial

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Below; goalkeeper Charlie Burns is a recent arrival to the club





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The Life and Times of Joy Town

Shortly after the war in 1947 I came to Kings Langley with my husband Bill, who was working in Apsley, and our first son Tony. We met during the war when both in the RAF – I was a meteorologist on night duty and Bill had just come back from North Africa and was guarding a crashed plane at RAF Wittering – and we married in 1945.

We took two rooms in the cottages by the *Old Palace* public house – it was very cramped as we shared an outside tap and toilet with the whole row of cottages – not easy with a baby! In 1950 we were offered a council house in Coniston Road – it was like going to a palace from our two cramped rooms, and we settled in very quickly. Despite being a new house there was no fridge or washing machine; we had to heat water in a copper to do the washing and dry it in front of the fire.

Bill was an avid cricketer and was invited to join the cricket club where we made many friends. Peggy and Doug Laidler took us to away matches all over the county in their car – sometimes we had to get out when we came to hill and walk as the car engine wasn't strong enough to take us all! I did my stint at scoring and making

cricket club teas, we had very little food in those days, so it was a scraping of margarine and whatever we could get to fill the sandwiches.

In 1952 I joined the WI, and before long I joined the committee – first as press officer, then treasurer. It was very formal in those days, most of the ladies wore hats, although us younger members didn't fuss about them.

In 1953 on Coronation Day the WI made individual goodie boxes for the children and went to the common for a picnic and games. We were lucky to have a 9" TV, so about ten or 12 people decamped to our house to watch the Coronation.

After I had our second son John in 1956 we got a washing machine – still hard work compared to today's machines!



The village was much quieter then, but traffic did start to build up and there were no crossings on the High Street, so the mums decided to do something about it; one day we were walking back and forth across the road with our prams by the Saracen's Head to make the case for a crossing – we eventually got it! There were typical village shops:

New Parish Plan?

The Parish Council is working on a Parish Plan covering all aspects of village life to form the basis for the future direction for the village.

The first step is to ask what is important to you, so in January questionnaires will be sent to each household (also available online). It's really important that as many people as possible complete the questionnaire, to help prioritise the most important issues and to give the plan credibility when we use it to negotiate with the local authorities. Students from Kings Langley School are helping with the project by developing a questionnaire for under eighteens asking about the things most relevant to them.

Look out for the questionnaire when it comes with your next Village News – your opinion really will count. Any questions? Or want to get involved? Email john.morrish@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk

Make 2019 your year to do something great!

Many people see volunteering as a way to give back to the community when you are retired. Now more than ever charities are looking for people who can bring diverse skill sets, new ideas, bags of enthusiasm and creative thinking to the table. People who want to be involved.

Becoming a trustee is a unique way of volunteering that brings benefits on a personal and professional level, an opportunity to make a difference by supporting others who need a helping hand. Trustees work behind the scenes, and ensure people at the front line have what they need to do their jobs well. Sometimes you have to roll up your sleeves and muck in too – often the best part!

DO SOMETHING GREAT

'For me, being a trustee is way of combining head and heart to get the best results for our residents,' says Pam, a trustee at Garrad House, Kings Langley.

Many charities struggle to recruit trustees because people think they have to be an expert or a professional to be a trustee. Not so – the Charity Commission emphasises that anyone with a genuine interest in their scope of work can make a valuable contribution.

Often, a few hours a month is all it takes to get involved with interesting projects, boost your career prospects (yes, charities actively look for young trustees), learn new skills and feel good about yourself. Most importantly, it can change the lives of those you serve.

Langley in Kings Langley

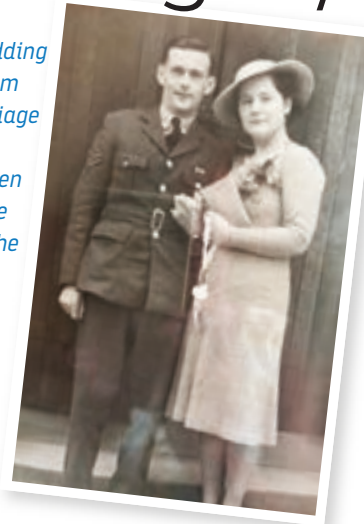
three grocers, two butchers, three sweet shops, two bakeries, a hairdresser, and a petrol station by the old post office. The petrol was dispensed by an arm which came out into the road – if you were walking by you had to duck or walk around into the road... health and safety didn't exist!

Buses were regular and frequent to Tring, Aylesbury and Watford, you didn't need a timetable you just went to the bus stop and waited. Within a short while living in the village I knew nearly everybody – there were no commuters and the men came home for lunch as they worked locally at Dickinson's or Ovaltine.

When I left school in the 30's I had wanted to be a teacher but couldn't afford to go to college. In 1966 I again felt the urge to teach, so after discussion with my family I went to Wall Hall teacher training college in Aldenham for two years, and spent 13 wonderful years teaching in Maylands junior school in Adeyfield.

I see my wonderful family, sons Tony and John, three grandchildren and two great

Joy's wedding photo from her marriage to Bill in 1945, when they were both in the RAF



grandchildren, as often as I can. I was married to Bill for 63 years and we had a very full and interesting life. I am now comfortably settled in Friars Mead, being waited on hand and foot. I keep abreast of what is going on in the village, watch the news on the TV, do crosswords and read. I am looking forward the WI centenary party in 2019 and getting my letter from the Queen for my own centenary – only four years to go!

– Joy Townley



'I have a family member suffering from dementia and living in a care home. Seeing how well she was cared for by trustees and volunteers there, inspired me to volunteer as a trustee at Abbeyfield in Kings Langley. I wanted to try and repay some of the kindness my relative receives back to older people in my local community, says Ben, also a trustee at Garrad House, Kings Langley.

If you're passionate about helping older people in Kings Langley grow old gracefully, can empathise with the challenges of an ageing population and would enjoy a trustee role that is likely to broaden your horizons, contact us and find out more. **Telephone 01923 270791 or email manager@abbeyfieldwesthertsociety.org www.abbeyfield.com/garradhouse**



Many of us in Kings Langley live in our homes on our own, but we don't have to be lonely! If you have been feeling a bit 'sidelined' or know someone who feels isolated, get in touch with us at the Good Neighbours' Association on our Helpline telephone: **07790 668672** (manned 9am – 5pm daily). We have volunteers who would be happy to visit you at home.

There are places available at the Tuesday Lunch Club with transport provided if needed (lunch club number **07527 907128**). In addition we have links to the 'Door to Store' service which operates every other Monday, and to the Evergreen Club, each of which has transport. Check out our website www.klgna.org

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Carnival crescendo

For those who think the Kings Langley Carnival finished in bright sunshine on 23 June, think again. Over £5,400 was raised by the event and was recently donated to 27 local good causes and groups at a presentation evening at the Kings Langley Cricket Club.



PHOTO: BEVERLEY FUNNELL

Wendy Pleass and Janet Nash received a cheque from Rosie Sutton, along with carnival organiser Carol Chandler

It was an occasion to marvel at the extraordinary range of local groups within the village that provide a variety of activities and services to villagers of all ages. This year, cheque recipients included the Arts and Crafts Society, Kings Langley Football Club, Kings Langley Lunch Club, the Waterways Experience and the Musical Theatre Co.

The Arts and Crafts Society will use the grant from the Carnival towards more yarn bombing exploits in the High Street in November and December, and the opportunity to pursue other creative and artistic pursuits.

On a more energetic level, the Football Club, which currently has 20 youth teams, want to form a team for the over 45's to encourage keeping fit and socialising.

The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday and provides the elderly with a meal – typically meat and two vegetables and a dessert – followed by tea or coffee for the princely sum of £6. The Carnival donation will be used to


give additional treats at Christmas and birthdays.

The Waterways Experience have three spacious wide-beam boats to provide accessible boat trips for sailors of all ages; the grant will go towards providing holidays for teenagers with learning disabilities.

The Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company, celebrating its 70th year, will use the grant from the Carnival to hire a grand piano for one of their forthcoming shows.

Carol Chandler, chair of the Carnival Committee, said 'We were delighted to welcome Rosie Sutton, Mayor of Dacorum, at the Carnival during the summer and doubly delighted that she was able to attend the presentation evening. It's great that the Carnival can yet again support so many worthwhile and exciting local groups and activities with some additional funds.'

Planning has already started for next year's event which will be on 22 June. Anyone keen to contribute or join a friendly Carnival planning group, please email kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com




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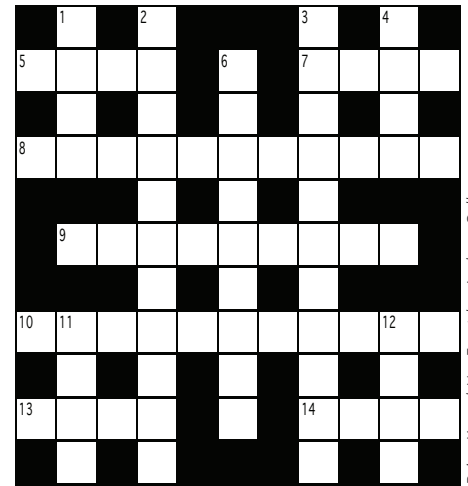
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Prize Xword

NUMBER 5



Prize Xword No. 5 set by Andrew Selby

Across

- 5 Deprecate (4)
- 7 Large flightless birds (4)
- 8 Convert one language to another (11)
- 9 Dictionary of words having similar and opposite meanings (9)
- 10 Sequence of addresses to attach to letters or emails (7, 4)
- 13 Cut face with a rough surface (4)
- 14 Tides with least height (4)

Down

- 1 Wing-shaped, right in the middle of a radial artery! (4)

- 2 Village alleyway name, beside Kings Langley Tandoori (7, 4)
- 3 Lane off Hempstead Road (7, 4)
- 4 Classic box game (4)
- 6 Local church (3, 6)
- 11 Tip or point (4)
- 12 Part of the Earth's crust forming continents found amidst a quasi-altar! (4)

Answers to last issue's Prize Xword number 4:

- Across:** 1 Station Road, 7 Noble, 8 Shaky, 9 Motet, 10 Laird, 12 Weave, 15 Adage, 17 Tiger, 18 Drift, 20 Wind Turbine;
Down: 1 Sun, 2 Abbot, 3 Inept, 4 Nasal, 5 Okapi, 6 Day, 9 Maw, 11 Doe, 13 Argon, 14 Egret, 15 Alder, 16 Alibi, 17 Tow, 19 Tee



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The winner of our previous issue's Xword was Mariana Ingleby, who won breakfast for two kindly donated by The Kitchen at Inspired. The Kitchen has recently been awarded AI Global Media's award for Best Café and Caterer 2018 – Hertfordshire (eagle-eyed readers will see the certificate displayed in our photo of Mariana and husband John tucking in to their prize breakfasts).

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Christmas Services at Kings Langley Churches

Your clip and keep guide to festive services over the Christmas period:

All Saints' Parish Church

Sunday 2 December

4pm..... Christingle Service – especially for families

Monday 24 December, Christmas Eve

3.30pm..... Crib service - especially for families with young children

7.30pm..... Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight

11.30pm..... Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day

8am..... Said Eucharist

9.30am..... Christmas Day Family Service with Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford

Christ Church Baptist

Sunday 16 December

4pm..... Young Children's Christmas Story and Songs.

Sunday 23 December

5pm..... Carols and Candlelight.

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day

10:30–11:20am..All Age Christmas Celebration.

Methodist Church

Sunday 9 December

10am..... Carol Service Rev. V. Maraj-Ogden

Sunday 23 December

10am..... Christmas Celebration

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day

10.15am..... Service at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church, Northridge Way

Carol Singing in aid of Christian Aid

Friday 14th December

10.30am–noon..Carol Singing with pupils from Nash Mills School at Sainsbury's, Apsley

Saturday 22nd December

10–11am..... Carol Singing in Kings Langley High Street

Kings Langley Country Market is a small cooperative producing local food for local people. We've been trading in the village for 33 years but some say we are the best kept secret in Kings Langley!

Every Thursday from 10am to 11.30am we have a Country Market in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. We sell freshly made cakes, bakes and savouries, including vegetarian and gluten free, often packed in smaller portions for those who live alone. We also produce jams and chutneys, fresh garden produce in season plus greetings cards, soft toys and other craft items.

If you like baking or growing vegetables and would like to join our small friendly team, come along and talk to us any Thursday morning.



Christmas Tree Festival

Join All Saints for this exciting community event in the heart of Kings Langley! Come and see the wonderful display of trees that have been decorated by local organisations, businesses and schools, with a variety of themes.

Open daily on Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December for everyone to enjoy the stunning array of trees – refreshments and home-made cakes will also be available.

Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 11am to 4pm. Entry and programme £3 (children free)

All proceeds will go to local charities and the Mission of All Saints' Church

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Christmas Fanfare

All Saints' Church are delighted to welcome back Chiltern Hills Brass for an evening of seasonal music, carols and entertainment on Saturday 1 December at 7.30pm!

Chiltern Hills Brass are a friendly brass band from High Wycombe, with a long history and are currently graded as 1st Section in the National Brass Band Registry.

After you have seen the Christmas lights switch-on in the High Street and watched the fireworks, head over to All Saints for a festive and fun evening.

Tickets £11 (children free) including refreshments at the interval. Available from www.jumblebee.co.uk/fanfare or 01923 261607/266667 or on the door.



It's Panto Season...

Oh yes it is!

Aladdin is one of the most popular pantomime stories and Chris Jordan's script promises to be a spectacular feast for the senses and treat for all the family to enjoy.

Will So-Shi and Aladdin get it together?

Will they thwart the plans of the evil Abanazaar? And just how much glitter is too much at this time of the year?

Join us for this fun-filled production to really shake off those winter blues. It's playing at the Community Centre on 10/11 January at 7.45pm and also on 12 January at 1pm, 4pm and 8pm.

Tickets to see Aladdin are just £13 and £11 available from www.klp.org.uk or by telephone at 0333 666 3366

Kings Langley Christmas Lights Festival

This year's Christmas Lights Festival will take place on Saturday 1 December from 3pm to 7pm.

There will be charity stalls, children's rides, Santa's grotto and food stalls on the High Street, with local choirs, bands and dance groups performing on the stage.

At 5pm the High Street Christmas lights will be switched on, followed by Santa's parade coming through the village. The festival is rounded off

with a spectacular firework display in Green Park.

The High Street and Hempstead Road between Langley Hill and Common Lane will be closed from 1pm to 8pm – please avoid using the surrounding roads at this time if possible to limit congestion. Buses will be diverted during this period.

Timetable of events:

- 1pm–8.30pm** High Street closed to traffic
- 3pm–7pm** Stalls open for Trading
Live broadcast from Radio Dacorum
- 3.10pm** Kings Langley School Jazz Band
- 3.50pm** Act One Pantomimes (Jack and the Beanstalk)
- 4.10pm** Dan Tien (Musical Theatre)
- 4.40pm** Kings Langley Primary School Choir
- 5.00pm** Lights Switch On
Arrival of Father Christmas and helpers
- 5.20pm** Hemel Hempstead Training Band
- 6pm** Kings Langley Community Choir
- 7pm–7.15pm** Fireworks in Green Park (subject to weather)



Santa is coming back to Kings Langley!

The Rotary Club of Hemel Hempstead's Santa Sleigh is returning to our streets in the run-up to Christmas. It will be out between 6pm and 8pm on 24 different routes including Kings Langley – check out the Hemel Hempstead Rotary Club Facebook page in November to find the full schedule and track Santa on his journey!





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

Film

Kim Hunter, Canadian Educator and recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education, speaks of her concerns about the issues facing children who are not allowed enough free time to play, or to move, and who are over-exposed to technology.

Her film **Time to Play** will be presented at the Rudolf Steiner School, Langley Hill on 6 November, 7.30 – 9.00pm.

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

Music

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

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

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Kings Langley Cricket Club
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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.
Fridays 10.30am – 1pm.
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Contact Charlton or Sue Woolnough on 01442 234600 or by email education@thepapertrail.org.uk

Library open hours

The Nap, Kings Langley

Monday	9am – 6pm
Tuesday	2pm – 6pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	2pm – 6pm
Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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. During the winter months members can play short mat bowls in the clubhouse on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2pm until 4pm. There is a small charge for the use of these rinks.
See our new website: kingslangleybowls.co.uk

Women's Institute

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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

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