



KINGS LANGLEY

# Village News

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YOUR ONLY LOCAL Village NEWSPAPER



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## Keep Kings Langley Tidy!

The first Parish Council-organised litter pick of 2019 saw a wonderful turnout of 14 generous, young-at-heart people willing to give a little time to keep our village free of litter – and wear a hi-viz jacket!

Armed with nothing more than a litter-picker and plastic bags, our super-pickers cleared the main road and the canal towpath southward from the border with Apsley all the way down to Water Lane/Church Lane. There were also enough volunteers to clear Green Park and the Nap Car Park and the Common/Vicarage Lane.

Apart from two dozen bags of litter, our pickers returned with a folding trolley and a computer hard drive – without the computer. We had to leave the shopping trolley in situ. The most unusual item 'picked' was a dog that had slipped into the canal from Primrose Hill Park. The dog wasn't bagged.

*Above; Volunteer litter-pickers outside the Council Offices*

Next month is the 2019 Great British Spring Clean and Kings Langley will be doing its bit on Sunday 31 March.

Join us then and on the last Sunday of each month – we'll meet at 10am at the Parish Council offices (through the archway at the bottom of Vicarage Lane).

Thank you to all those who help keep our village clear of litter, and the message to litter louts is...

*Please dispose of your rubbish in a bin or take it home!*

## Latest update on new Avanti School from the RSSKL

Trustees at RSSKL confirm that an agreement has been made with Avanti who are looking forward to opening a new school on the site in September 2019. To this end, a community meeting took place on Tuesday, 26 February.

Over 100 expressions of interest have already been registered for September. The meeting gave Avanti the opportunity to share their plans and thoughts around which year groups are likely to be opening in September, school fees, marketing, expected staff recruitment timelines and other questions the community had for them.

Over the coming months, the intention is that Avanti will hold regular workshop-style meetings where prospective parental and student feedback will be sought to help Avanti develop the school offering in time for a September opening.

'A new school, led by an experienced leadership team, with a robust understanding of the modern regulatory environment and willing to provide a Waldorf curriculum would be excellent news for many in the former school community and Kings Langley generally,' said a spokesperson, adding 'The trustees very much welcome the support of the Kings Langley Village News, in sharing our vision of this exciting new Waldorf school project with the local community.'

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They are lucky that Osbornes has offered to help prepare the allotment ready for planting, but they do need some ongoing help from a volunteer to advise and show them how to do things.

If you are a keen gardener able to offer this kind of support, they would love to hear from you!

Contact Elaine on 01923 260092 or email [info@thewatersidecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@thewatersidecentre.co.uk)



## Village News contacts...

All enquiries, articles, advertisements and Prize Xword competition entries should be sent by email to [kingslangleynews@gmail.com](mailto: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 May 2019, the deadline for copy and advertising is Friday 12 April.

## Amatsu – what's that?



It's a question often heard by practitioners, so this April Amatsu Therapy International (UK) are promoting an Amatsu Awareness Month to raise the level of understanding of this growing complementary therapy.

Amatsu is a physical therapy that restores balance to the body using natural body movement to correct anatomical dysfunction. It helps to re-balance the key mechanical and energetic structures of the spine, joints, bones, cranium and meridian circuits.

*Amatsu Therapy Awareness 2019* aims to raise awareness of this great soft tissue therapy and highlight some of its many health benefits.

During April, many Amatsu Therapy International (UK) members will be running special offers to encourage people to take the opportunity to try Amatsu Therapy for themselves and discover how this gentle, effective treatment might benefit their own health and wellbeing.

Kings Langley is fortunate in having several practitioners participating in Amatsu Awareness Month, so now could be the perfect opportunity to experience a discounted treatment, learn more about Amatsu Therapy and understand how it could help you.

*More information and details of local practitioners will be found on [amatsuthrapyintl.com](http://amatsuthrapyintl.com)*

## In memory of Matt Allcock

Friends, relatives and Kings Langley FC players and supporters gathered at the Kings Langley v Staines Town match on 26 January to pay tribute to the memory of top club supporter and sponsor Matt Allcock, following his tragic death a week earlier in Weymouth after watching the club's away match there with friends.

The club dedicated the match against Staines Town to Matt, with a 'pay what you want' entrance fee on the gate, and the 1,072 attendees at the match raised over £14,000 which has been donated to Matt's young family. Matt's two daughters bravely led the teams out, flanked by club officials, and a tribute was made by first team

secretary Derry Edgar as they lined up in front of the stand which Matt's company Heatfix sponsor.

Respect was shown elsewhere as Watford supporters placed a banner in honour of Matt in the away end at their FA Cup match with Newcastle United, and a minute's silence was observed in other local non-league grounds.

Matt had become a major part of the heartbeat of Kings Langley FC – as a supporter both home and away, as a sponsor, a member of the KLFC 200 club, and as a founder of the Kings Langley Supporters Forum. He will be greatly missed by all.



*Left: Team and supporters paying tribute to Matt Allcock before kick-off*

# You will be amused...

'Victorian Times' has been chosen as the theme of this year's Kings Langley Carnival, to be held on Saturday 22 June on the Common, marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. The theme will run through the event, including a fancy-dress competition and the design of the programme.

Although it doesn't feel like Carnival weather this month, planning is already underway for this year's event, with villagers' favourite stage acts being lined-up – including Kings Langley Community Choir, Salsa Tropicana, the senior school band, and the primary school choir.



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Last year's carnival was a great success, raising over £5,400 for local good causes and groups

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'Every year we like to add some acts from outside the village and this year will be no exception,' said Carnival Committee Chair Carol Chandler. 'We've invited the Chevtones back with their 1950's rock'n'roll which last year had the crowd dancing and singing along'.

It's not all about the entertainment; an equally big attraction is the range of stalls offering everything from have-a-go games and puzzles to local produce and crafts.

'Whilst we're always happy to see commercial stalls selling their merchandise, it's really an opportunity for local charities and voluntary groups to raise awareness of the valuable work they do on the other 364 days of the year,' added Carol. 'Kings Langley Carnival is our annual sun and fun day for all the family, with all the profits going to support local community and charitable causes. That's why we want them to be a part of it.'

**Let us know if YOU want to be part of it...**

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## Puffaten – the village needs more marshals!

As the weather starts to improve, it's time to get those running shoes out. Kings Langley Puffaten is back on the village streets (including 1.5k, 3k, 5k and 10k road races) on Sunday 16 June to raise funds for local charities.

'Although for many it is a fun run for the youngsters', said Kate Chadwick, one of the organisers, 'it still has to be licensed which means UK Athletics require some very high standards for safety and organisation.' One of the recommendations from last year is to increase the number of marshals, particularly around the start/finish area and at specific points on the course.

'This may sound a fairly thankless task, but we operate a buddy system, meaning marshals are paired up to ensure no one is left alone,' Kate added. 'It's not onerous and everyone who helped out last year really enjoyed themselves. Being a marshal is ideal for anyone who wants to be part of a lovely village event but doesn't feel like running!'

To offer your support as a marshal, email: [alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk)

To participate in the event, go to the website at: [www.puffaten.co.uk](http://www.puffaten.co.uk)



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From your parish councillor Alan Anderson,  
Dacorum Borough Council & North Ward, Kings Langley Parish Council.

## Pint pot ramming, Motorway Service Areas, All Saints Ceilidh

With the Government's apparent proposals to solve the housing crisis by developing the Green Belt, and recent local development activity, we've all got a bit jumpy about the prospect of any proposed development, even when it is genuinely minor or wouldn't really have a harmful effect, or where there are no grounds to object or refuse permission.

However, there is a controversial planning application in the north of the parish, at the bottom of the Shendish Estate driveway, where in my view the applicants are pushing their luck and there are fairly strong grounds for rejection. The proposal is to replace two bungalows with two three-storey blocks of eight flats, disguised as enormous semi-detached properties.

The objection I drafted for the Parish Council is available on Dacorum Borough Council's website and can be found online at [www.bit.ly/KLVN319a](http://www.bit.ly/KLVN319a). The gist of our objection is that the proposal would involve massive cramming/high density, would be unattractive and inappropriate for buildings of this kind, and would be laid out poorly, with the parking put in the wrong place and the buildings overbearing the adjacent properties.

DBC's planning officer is considering the application. If he recommends granting permission, the application will be referred to the Development Management Committee, at which point we will endeavour to advise as many residents as possible and do our utmost to persuade the committee to refuse permission.



Meanwhile, parish colleagues and I were invited to a consultation event at Maple Cross for a new online Motorway Service Area proposed between junctions 16/17 of the M25 (shown above). We are strongly opposed to the service area proposed immediately to the south of junction 20, and are hoping the junction 16/17 proposal would make that option unviable. Government policy prefers motorway service areas that are accessible from the motorway only, and Three Rivers DC still has not received a planning application for the junction 20 proposal, so maybe we can hope?

Finally, Ceilidhs (pronounced 'Kay-lees') are as misunderstood as their name is commonly mis-spelt. A Ceilidh is an utterly informal, fun social gathering where you enjoy easy Scottish dancing, without it mattering how agile you are, or anybody caring if you can dance or not. Nor do you have to be Scottish!

Friends of All Saints have a fundraising Scottish Country Dancing Evening on Fri 15 March. Unfortunately, I can't make it, but please can I urge as many people to go along in my place, even if it is just to see what it's like – give it a go, it's fun!

For more Ceilidh information, or to book tickets, call 01923 266667 or 01923 592005

## Village Plan update

Firstly, a huge 'Thank You' from Kings Langley Parish Council to everyone who has helped get our Parish Survey going.

To the library, Wayside Farm and Dalling & Co for hosting the 'Survey Stations'; to the *Village News* for inserting the survey and delivering to every household; to the volunteers who handed out leaflets, posted posters and generally encouraged everyone to get involved, and most of all to the 1,200 (yes, that's twelve hundred) residents, businesses and students of Kings Langley who answered our questionnaire to have their say in the future of the village.

We had given ourselves a target of 500 responses; it was in November 2017 that 800 residents came to the meeting at Kings Langley School about the Dacorum development proposals, but we didn't expect such a high level of engagement over a year later. Even 1,200 responses understates the real figure, as many households entered a single questionnaire for the whole family. Nearly half the households in the village have engaged with the survey. We heard from people aged 16 and those over 75, from people who have lived in the village for just a year and those who are residents of 30 years plus. It is very gratifying to see that so many of you are so engaged with the future of our village.

The results are being analysed for sharing with the Parish Council in March, but a sneak preview is that 96% of you believe that the 'sense of community' is important in defining the character of the village, and we thank you for demonstrating that sense of community through this survey.

In the Spring we will begin work on our Parish Plan which will identify key projects and action plans – we will give regular updates and opportunities for feedback as we progress. Thank you once again for your tremendous participation – so many people care about our village and this is what makes Kings Langley such a rewarding place to live.

– Councillor John Morrish

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## Chipperfield Choral Society Special Spring Concert

At our Spring Concert we will be performing the Brahms Requiem and Mendelssohn's *O for the Wings of a Dove*. The concert will be very special this year, dedicated to Alan Taylor, our much-loved patron, who died at the end of last year.

In Alan's memory, our other patron, Emma Bell, the world-renowned opera singer who sang with the choir in the early days of her career, has agreed to sing the soprano solos, so this will be a very special musical treat. The baritone soloist will be the very accomplished Charles Rice, and the soloist in *O for the Wings of a Dove* will be a previous winner of Choirboy of the Year – so another musical delight!

The concert is on Saturday 30 March at King's Church, Amersham. Tickets are available now from choir members or the Box Office on 01923 400520. Tickets are expected to sell very quickly so buy now to not miss this highlight of the local musical calendar.  
[www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](http://www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk)

*Below; Chipperfield Choral Society in performance at a concert in aid of peace hospice*



## Pop up to the Pop-up Book Shop

Kings Langley Community Library has had an exciting start to 2019 with the launch of a Pop-up Book Shop at the Kings Langley monthly local food market.

In January the dedicated volunteers braved the cold weather to run a bookstall re-selling books donated to the library. Shoppers bagged themselves bargains with good-as-new books selling for only 50p. Caroline, one of the team, said 'The Pop-up Shop exceeded our expectations, so we're aiming to be back once a month'. All proceeds are invested into library equipment and events for which there is no available funding.

Other events are running at the library including volunteer-led workshops offering guidance on using the free access to [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) at the library, starting 22 February 3.30 – 4.30pm and then monthly until June.

There's a new *Children's Author Corner* with local children's authors reading their stories and running other fun activities from 4pm on 7 March, 11 April and 9 May.



PHOTO: CAROLINE BRANKIN

*Above; Helen Hartley and Marguerite Selby at the High Street Pop-up Book Shop*

Talks (small admission charge) include:  
2 May – the daughter and husband of Jennifer Worth, author of *Call The Midwife*, will talk about Jennifer's life and work. 3 July, 7pm – Andrew Houseman, a local expert, will give an insight into the life of Abraham Lincoln, abolitionist and 16th President of the United States. Tickets and further information are available at the library.

If, like many, you're looking for inspiration on what to read next – try our *Reading Challenge*, offering a different new idea for every month of 2019. Drop in to the library for more information.

*The library is always looking for new activities and events to offer the community. If you can offer your skills or can spare a couple of hours a week to volunteer at the library, they'd love to hear from you. Contact them at [kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:kingslangleyvolunteers@hotmail.com)*

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# The Greener View

## Gary Ansell, Chair of the Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA), comments on the latest Green Belt situation...

A new year and the Kings Langley & District Residents Association (KL&DRA) remains very active. We recently hosted a meeting with other Residents Associations across Three Rivers and Dacorum to discuss the Three Rivers Local Plan consultation, amid concerns that Local Plan sites identified by St Albans, Three Rivers and Dacorum are predominantly on Green Belt land.

All recognise the pressure local councils face but targeting Green Belt land for housing development without any supporting infrastructure will simply overload existing transport, education, health and other public services. We believe that our local authorities can cater for local housing demands, but do not see evidence that the problems of housing pressure from London can be adequately dealt with.

Hertfordshire County Council have recently identified that delivering the necessary infrastructure for the

proposed housing developments will cost at least £5.7 billion, but that there is a £3.69 billion shortfall – so nearly two thirds of the money isn't there!

Three Rivers appear to have got it right by identifying small and large developments to meet their housing needs whereas Dacorum's approach is

to only include sites with a capacity of 10 plus units. They should focus on the quality and suitability of sites rather than on size alone. Kings Langley and its surrounding area in Dacorum has many smaller sites which could be brought forward in preference to large-scale house building in and around the village.

Every week there are planning applications seeking to build small scale housing developments in Dacorum on previously used land; instead of being looked at as 'windfall' sites by Dacorum's Planning Officers, they should be part of a revised strategy to build local communities, not destroy them. All the Residents Associations are demanding that common sense should prevail and that local authorities should not be forced into setting individual housing targets with no concern for their effects on neighbouring settlements and local infrastructure. This will become a major local election issue in May 2019 as large-scale housing developments on the Green Belt have no place in our villages.



## Good Neighbours W

The Good Neighbours' Helpline (07790 668 672) has a computer-based Log Book, and the period at the end of January when we had a sizeable snowfall in the village makes interesting reading. Several lifts to hospitals and surgeries were cancelled, only to be re-instated a few days later. By then, of course, the drivers had other commitments, so new arrangements had to be made – more phone calls!

See you at our stall at the Carnival on 22 June,

## Community Choir; all new for 2019!

**Kings Langley Community Choir has begun 2019 with a surge of new members, new songs – including two by Queen – to rehearse for their repertoire, and three new performance venues.**

The harmonies for *Somebody To Love* and *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* have excited the members even though the learning process is not yet complete, and to add to this there is a jazz/gospel arrangement of *I Wish I Knew How* and

a modern South African song recalling the anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko.

The Choir already has six confirmed performances for spring/summer, including first time appearances at St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon in May and West Wycombe Park in July. First however, the Choir is performing at St Mary's Church, Old Hemel, on Wednesday 10 April, in a concert also featuring the Gospel Arts Manna Choir. This is in support of Age UK Dacorum. The concert starts at 7:30pm and tickets are available on the door.

This new season comes after the

conclusion of a highly successful tenth anniversary year. The Choir has grown from 25 members when formed in 2008, to over 60 now. In that time the Choir has gained a reputation for a varied repertoire and rich harmonies that appeal to all ages. In addition to entertaining at many local events throughout the year, often in support of charities, there have been performances, in venues such as The Cadogan Hall, The Roundhouse and the Palace of Westminster. The last performance of 2019, just before Christmas, was at the Royal Festival Hall where the Choir entertained with a thirty-minute set as part of the Winter Chorus Festival.

# Keep your Sunnyside Up!

In the burning heat of last summer, it was refreshing to stroll along the canal towpath towards Two Waters where the weeping willows dipped into the cool waters and all was peaceful and serene.

If the towpath improvements proposed in a previous issue of *Village News* come to pass, the experience will be even more attractive, especially if you turn aside into the Sunnyside Nurseries before B&Q looms into view. There you will find a good café, moderate prices for your coffee/tea and cake, plus a shop well stocked with ethically produced and fairly traded goods.

What makes this place special is that people with learning difficulties are sympathetically trained to become valued members of the Sunnyside community. Some trainees may well move into employment elsewhere.



As you leave, you may be tempted to stock your garden with plants grown in the surrounding greenhouses. Some readers may not be aware that the troughs of flowers which make our High Street so bright and beautiful come from these Sunnyside nurseries. Our enlightened Parish Council has commissioned the Trust to supply the plants which so enhance the attractions of our village.

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## Winter Driving

Sometimes lifts on Tuesdays are tricky to arrange as several drivers are on pick-up duty for the Lunch Club, and on alternate Thursday afternoons when lifts to the Evergreen Club are provided. However, even on Christmas Day and New Year's Day the Helpline is manned, so it's always worth making that call, especially in an emergency.

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Below; The Community Choir performing at the Royal Festival Hall in December 2018



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Both services to be taken by Rev. David Chapman.

### All Saints' Parish Church

- Every Thursday 14 March to 11 April, 7pm During Lent there is Celtic Evening Prayer
- Sunday 31 March, 9.30am Mothering Sunday family service
- Sunday 21 April, 8am Easter Sunday Service in the village garden followed by coffee and hot cross buns.
- Sunday 21 April, 9.30am Easter Sunday Family Service
- Monday 22 April, 9am Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey – starting with breakfast in the church hall.

### Christ Church Baptist

- Friday 19 April, 7pm Good Friday Reflection Hour.
- Sunday 21 April, 10.30am All Age Easter Celebration.
- Saturday 6 April 10am – 12noon children's' Stay & Play

### Kings Langley Methodist Church

(these services will be held at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church in Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead)

- Friday 19 April, 10.30am Good Friday Service
- Sunday 21 April, 10.30am. Easter Day Service



## Join our choir to make you happy!

Did you know that choral singing really can make you happier? Singing releases endorphins, the brain's 'feel good' chemicals. Studies have revealed that, on average, choral singers rated their satisfaction with life higher than the general public and have a better psychological health than the 'normal' person.

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If you're already convinced or if you want to find out if it's true, come and join us for choir practice at All Saints Church – every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Think of the endorphins you'll be releasing, and stress you'll avoid!

## New vicar for village parish church

On Monday 4 March, the Reverend James McDonald was officially 'installed' as the new team vicar at All Saints' Church by the Bishop of St Albans, The Right Reverend Dr Alan Smith, and the Archdeacon of St Albans, The Venerable Jonathan Smith.

The church was packed with All Saints regulars, clergy and members of other churches in the Hemel Hempstead Deanery, representatives from the village community including the Mayor of Dacorum, visiting clergy who have helped officiate at All Saints during the past year without a permanent priest, and James' family and friends.

James and his wife Rachel have moved to the village from York, where he was an associate minister in the city centre churches, and they are looking forward to their new life in Kings Langley and making connections with the village community.

*Below; New to the village, Father James and his wife Rachel McDonald*



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# Anyone for Beating the Bounds on 26 May?

Beating the Bounds is the ancient annual practice of walking around the Parish boundary on Rogation Sunday – the fifth Sunday after Easter.

Walk leader, Cllr Alan Anderson said, 'It's a primeval way of identifying where one lives, and leads further to questions about one's existence, hence it being done on Rogation Sunday.

'If anybody would like to do the walk this year, we will be leaving from outside All Saints Church at 11am on Sunday 26 May. It would help us to plan the event if you could let us know by Friday 24 May if you're attending, even if that's dependent on the day's weather.

'The walk passes through beautiful countryside, but it also involves a busy road junction, a padlocked gate and private land, so it has to be organised as a group walk. Proper footwear and provisions (including packed lunch) are needed, as the only facilities near the route are Sainsbury's after seven miles, and the whole walk is nine miles long.'

*If you plan to take part, let the Parish Council know online at [klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:klpc@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01923 261828.*



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# Kings Langley FC push for the play-offs

**Kings Langley FC's phenomenal run of form has continued into 2019 with the KINGS winning 11 of their 15 league matches, including seven home wins on the trot, and also showing great form on the road securing good results at much bigger clubs.**

The club has seen some recent player changes with goal scoring sensation Luke Wade-Slater leaving to play professionally in his home country Ireland, and Roy Sylva recalled by his professional parent club Barnet. Both became firm fans' favourites while at KLFC. Coming in on loan from Stevenage are Andronicos Georgiou, who has already scored three goals in three games, and Dylan Switters.

This season's top scorer Mitchell Weiss scored his 100th and 101st KLFC goals in the 5-1 defeat of Farnborough, following up with a hat-trick against Gosport. Mitchell is a credit to the club having come through the KINGS reserves in 2013-14.

With Kings Langley FC amazingly on

the edge of a possible play-off place, now would be a great time to pay a visit to our cracking local team and support the KINGS as we look to make history. Forthcoming home fixtures Wimborne (23/3), Swindon Supermarine (6/4), Dorchester (20/4) and the final game of the season Frome Town (27/4).

*All match and other club information is available on Twitter @KLFCofficial*

*Below; Andronicos Georgiou in action*



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## Village quiz winners

**A team from the Watford Food Bank (above) were the winners at the annual Kings Langley Christian Aid Village Quiz, held at the Services Club on Friday 8 February. They were just one of many local organisations who supported this popular event.**

Kings Langley traders generously gave prizes for the raffle, including Shendish Manor, Taylor's Tools, Chez Christie, The Langley Butcher, the Cinnamon Lounge and The Red Lion. Our thanks go to them and also to the Services Club for once again hosting it free of charge. Altogether £966 was raised to relieve suffering and bring hope to some of the world's poorest people.

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# Prize Xword

Another chance to win a splendid reward – the first correct entry drawn from the hat wins this issue’s prize of a **complimentary Amatsu treatment with a local practitioner.** Just post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive no later than Friday 12 April. Good luck!

**Across**

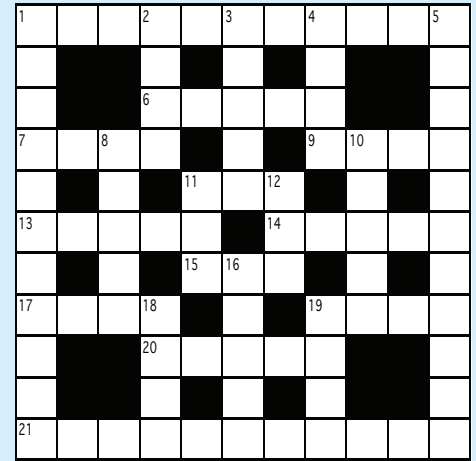
- 1 Once a tall Village landmark beside the Grand Union Canal (7, 4)
- 6 A culture’s characteristic spirit (5)
- 7 Close (4)
- 9 Granular substance (4)
- 11 Very young child (3)
- 13 Colour (5)
- 14 Large musical instrument (5)
- 15 Someone who excels at a sport or activity (3)
- 17 On old version of you (4)
- 19 Examine by touch (4)

20 Concur (5)

21 Village road that crosses the Grand Union (3, 4, 4)

**Down**

- 1 There’s a tall one of these off Hyde Lane serving the Village (11)
- 2 Suddenly change direction (4)
- 3 Search engine and web service provider from Lilliput? (5)
- 4 Small flowerless plants that like shade and dampness (4)
- 5 Type of tree often seen in England’s towns and cities (6, 5)
- 8 Entertain (5)



- 10 Simple non-flowering aquatic plants (5)
- 11 Beverage (3)
- 12 Small human appendage (3)
- 16 Goods carried on a ship (5)
- 18 British nobleman (4)
- 19 Stretch of high moorland (especially N. Country) (4)

PRIZE XWORD NO. 7 SET BY ANDREW SELBY

**Answers to last issue’s Prize Xword no. 6**

**Across:** 2 Folder, 5 Coati, 6 Sandals, 7 Netherlands, 10 Cataclysmic, 12 Ravioli, 13 Leapt, 14 Squeal.

**Down:** 1 Habitat, 2 Fisher Close, 3 Langley Hill, 4 Ruled, 5 Clinic, 8 Name tag, 9 Sachet, 11 Amass.



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## A winning solution!

Helen Plant’s correct entry to our previous issue’s Prize Xword has won her a £50 voucher towards physiotherapy treatment at her local clinic.

Pictured above, Helen was presented with her voucher by Di Hewetson and Jill Moore, co-owners of Kings Langley Physiotherapy Clinic. Our winner was delighted with her good fortune. ‘It’s a real stroke of luck, as I’ve been suffering from a poorly shoulder for some time now,’ she said.

We’re sure she’ll be in good hands at the Clinic!

## Hall for hire...

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