



# Village News

## You're never fully dressed without a smile!

20 young girls from around the village are busy rehearsing for the forthcoming Kings Langley Musical Theatre Company production of *ANNIE the Musical* at the Community Centre



PHOTO: KLMTCC

There are six performances 31 March to 4 April. They will perform on alternate nights in teams of ten with the part of Annie shared between Summer Roberts and Eleanor Ludlow.

Come and see this brilliant family show with well-known numbers such as *It's a Hard Knock Life* and *Tomorrow*. Tickets from [www.klmtc.org](http://www.klmtc.org) or 01442 268839.

## Yellow street piano

Mel Boda and Tom Billington of Electric Umbrella are behind the installation of a yellow street piano on the High Street in March – outside Dalling & Co.

You may recall that last year we featured them on our front cover as they won a Watford Audentior award for the work they do with their charity, providing music workshops for young adults with learning difficulties.

The piano will be bright yellow and it is being lovingly painted by village residents Caz Tully and Neli Christophorou in memory of their close friend and fellow resident Leti Preduca. Caz and Neli organised the

MiniFest on Coniston Road in the summer of 2018 to raise money for Leti's breast cancer treatment. Very sadly Leti subsequently died, but the piano is being installed as her legacy – she loved community, friendship, and music.

Electric Umbrella have already installed a yellow street piano in Watford and, just like that one, the piano installation in Kings Langley High Street will be available for anyone to bash out a tune!

## Packed pews for charity recital

All Saints hosted a fabulous recital on Saturday 22 February featuring accomplished 28-year-old Kings Langley baritone Thomas Isherwood, accompanied on the piano by Watford resident Vidas Vaitkevicius. Thomas sang a varied programme including songs from opera, musical theatre and art songs, performing to a full house who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The evening was in aid of the mission of All Saints and The Hospice of St Francis and raised over £1,600.



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There are some allotments available, with a very low yearly rent. The land is rich and fertile, and the growing community is friendly! If you are interested in having an allotment (with advice, if needed) then email [kingslangleybd@gmail.com](mailto:kingslangleybd@gmail.com) or go to [www.klbiodynamicgroup.co.uk](http://www.klbiodynamicgroup.co.uk)

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## Easter cards and more at Kings Bookshop and Coffee Shop

The Kings Bookshop at Christ Church Baptist has a wide range of cards for many occasions including Mothering Sunday, Baptism, Confirmation and of course Easter, as well as blank cards for any purpose. They also stock Lent and Easter books complementing their usual range.

While there why not stay for coffee and delicious home-made cake? There is always a good selection! Kings Bookshop and Coffee Shop is open at Christ Church Baptist in The Nap from 10am – 12noon Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

To find out about Toddler Group, Youth Groups, Sunday Gatherings or more, see [www.christchurchbaptist.co.uk](http://www.christchurchbaptist.co.uk)



PHOTO: CHRIST CHURCH BAPTIST

## Ron Hitchcock RIP

Born in 1933, during the Second World War Ron Hitchcock was evacuated from his family in the East End of London to peaceful Hemel Hempstead.



PHOTO: ST LAURAS

He was welcomed by Albert and Sarah Smith who were without children and they soon treated Ron as their cherished son. While still keeping in regular touch with his London family he had the blessing of two sets of parents concerned for his welfare!

Ron's granddaughter Rebecca tells us 'Living with the Smiths changed Ron's life, and in 1956 they set him up with Langley Footwear in Kings Langley High Street which he ran for a number of years. He also met and fell in love with Eva, Albert's niece, and they were married in June 1958 following his National Service in the RAF.' After Langley Footwear ceased trading Eva worked in Stitches with its lovely selection of rolls of colourful fabrics and balls of wool.

In 1983 Ron and Eva's daughter Lorna had a serious accident in the High Street which many villagers will remember and Ron and Eva dedicated themselves to aiding her recovery.

Happily she survived and in recent years, following Eva's death in 2015, was a great help to her father. Ron always maintained that he loved living in Kings Langley and the last view of him which many of us had was him sitting on a seat outside St Laurus Home (where he'd gone for respite care) with the Country market in full flow and a group of carol singers reminding him that Christmas was coming!

The *Village News* team were saddened to hear of the passing of Patricia Collins, beloved wife of Parish Councillor Derek Collins. Derek was part of the group that instigated the start of this newspaper and we send our condolences to him and his family.

## 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, Hertfordshire WD4 9HR.

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## Who put the Kings into Kings Langley?

Who was the first king to have an interest in Kings Langley? How were Eleanor of Castile, Piers Gaveston and Edmund de Langley connected with Kings Langley? What catastrophic event saw the decline of the royal residence and who was the last royal resident? How large was the royal park? What connection did 'Little London' and 'the Drift' have with the palace? You will learn the answers to these and other questions about our village's claim to royalty in a talk by Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society in April at the Library – see back page for details!

## Is 'Wendy's Wood' working?

A couple of years ago your *Village News* reported on a project devised by Wendy Bathurst to help resolve the problem of flooding in residents' gardens. In the light of the excessive rainfall and nationwide flooding of recent weeks, we thought it would be timely to see how the project was progressing.

Chipperfield Road residents Mark Sheldrake and Lawrence Parnell were happy to comment on the impact that the improved drainage at the rear of their houses has had on their back gardens – no longer under water.

'We are delighted with the solution,' said Mark, 'despite the recent downpours, water no longer runs off the land to flood our gardens.'

Lawrence agrees, saying 'we are very

grateful for Wendy's efforts to resolve the situation'.



Wendy (right) says 'I'm monitoring the pipe drainage from the pond and I'm pleased with the tree growth, although we've had a few losses and I've replaced about 30 saplings. Overall, the scheme is working well – and the fenced in area provides a haven for wildlife which would otherwise be at risk from predators. We now have Snipe, which are usually only wetlands birds, pheasants, skylarks and at least one kestrel safely nesting and raising their young amongst the saplings.'

Although taking time to fully flourish, the results are clear to see – Wendy's Wood has proved a success all round!



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## Puffaten – a gift you can give

It's time to get those running shoes out to train for the Kings Langley Puffaten road race (1.5k, 3k and 10k) which will take place on Sunday 28 June, starting and finishing at Kings Langley Primary School.

'Whilst I definitely wouldn't recommend running the 10k unless you have done a little training, the shorter races are an ideal opportunity to get a little exercise and give to charity,' explained race organiser Kate Chadwick. 'Any entrant can Gift Aid their entry fee and all profits go to local charities.'

There has been a trend over the last couple of years for runners to leave entering the race until the day itself, leading to increased queues at the late

entry desk and then having to sprint to the start line. Race director Alan Johnson tells us there aren't enough volunteers to increase manpower on this desk and the race has to start on time so, if you're planning on entering, please do help to move things along by signing up beforehand!

If you'd like to offer your support as a marshal, email [alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alanjohnson@kingslangley-pri.herts.sch.uk) and to enter, sign up at [www.puffaten.co.uk](http://www.puffaten.co.uk)

## Is it Carnival time yet?

Given the recent weather, it is difficult to think that, in a few short months, we will be basking in warm sunshine enjoying this year's Kings Langley Carnival on 20 June on the Common. But we will!

The theme this year is celebrating all that we love about the Carnival, throwing in a bit of circus, and the organisers are looking for everyone to add lots of colour to what is always the highlight of the village summer. So far local groups confirmed for stage performances are the Community Choir, both schools, the Revelation Majorettes, Skehill Irish Dancers and this year they are joined by the Waterside Centre Choir.

The Waterside Centre has been providing services for adults with learning disabilities for 30 years, encouraging everyone to achieve their full potential and learn new skills in a warm, safe and social environment, ensuring they enjoy themselves and helping improve their quality of life.

A big attraction for visitors is the range and variety of stalls. 'Whilst we welcome commercial stalls selling their own merchandise and food, it's also a great opportunity for local charities and groups to make some money and raise awareness of the activities they do on the other 364 days of the year,' said Carol Chandler, Chair of the organising committee.

Carol added 'There's also an 'Open Mic' slot again this year for any gifted local musicians, singers, or magicians to showcase their talents.'

In Hertfordshire's Year of Culture, it is hoped that there will also be an art project for young people running on the day.

For stalls enquiries: [stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:stalls-klcarnival@hotmail.com)  
For performances, Open Mic (closing date 1 May) or anything else: [kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com](mailto:kingslangleycarnival@hotmail.com) or visit us on our Facebook page [@KingsLangleyCarnival](https://www.facebook.com/KingsLangleyCarnival)

## Kings late charge for the play-offs

Kings Langley Football Club have started 2020 with a bang – unbeaten in their first eight league games since New Year's Day, taking 20 out of a possible 24 league points.

It started away at Hitchin with a late winner and second goal of the season for Ex-Watford star Lloyd Doyley. The excellent run has been assisted by the return to the club of striker Harry Crawford (pictured below) and the new signing of ex-Watford player Will Hoskins. Both add more experience to a team that is now looking evenly strong.

As we go to press they are only five points off of the play-offs, with two games in hand over some contenders, bringing a complete change to the season going into the last two months – a phenomenal turn around under Chris Cummins.

The run of wins has been against clubs like Nuneaton Borough and Stratford Town – from large towns with considerably larger budgets – proof of how well our village team have come on.

Another big victory against top of the league Bromsgrove Sporting (3-1) was on the anniversary of the sad passing of club number one fan Matty Allcock. The teams for the match were led out by Matty's family and the match was preceded by a minute's applause. Matty would have loved Harry Crawford's hat-trick on the day.

With 11 games left from March until the last game of the season, there are six home games to play; against Redditch United (21 March), Tamworth (4 April), St Ives (11 April), Alvenchurch (18 April), and two others to be arranged. Why not go and cheer on England's highest placed village football team!



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## Change for the Community Library

The 2020 events programme began with health and fitness event *Eat, Dance, Shine* by local author and teacher Michelle Kaye.

Michelle (pictured right) gave an informative and inspirational presentation aimed at living better and more healthily, something many promise to do at this time of year! Samples of healthy drinks and snacks, recipe cards and exercise routines were all part of the session. There's a copy of Michelle's book in the library to borrow, well worth a read!

The February event was a repeat of *Snapshots through Time* by the Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society – another sell-out and very well received. The society is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated archivists with access to many local resources, and their members generously share their extensive knowledge and enthusiasm. This event enabled the inaugural use of the new audio-visual equipment (pictured) obtained through library fundraising and the generous grants from the Parish Council, Kings Langley Carnival, Hertfordshire Community Libraries Forum, and from local County Councillor Richard Roberts through his locality fund.

By the time you read this the library should be about to reopen after a three-week closure for essential electrical upgrade works – hopefully this has not caused inconvenience and the staff hope to see you all in the library again soon. The library now boasts a colour photocopier which can copy up to A3 size – the high-quality copying service is available for use by all, please spread the word.

On 25 March the Community Library Volunteer organisation holds its Annual General Meeting in the library. All papers for the meeting are available in the library to read in advance. Library members are welcome to attend, and feedback and ideas to help develop the library in line with community needs and preferences are welcomed.

2020 will bring significant change to the running of all Hertfordshire libraries; from 1 April the new



PHOTOS: KINGS LANGLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

charitable organisation Libraries for Life will take over from Herts County Council. The staff will transfer across to the new organisation, so you won't see any difference when you visit the library and there are no major changes anticipated in the short term.

There are a variety of events planned for 2020 – see the back page for those coming up soon. If you have not visited the library recently then drop in to see what they have to offer or follow the library on Facebook. Caroline Brankin, Chair of Kings Langley Community Library Volunteer Committee, says 'If you are interested in helping our volunteer library in some way and have specific interests and skills to offer then we would be very pleased to hear from you!'

### *Evergreen club restarts*

*After a few weeks break the Evergreen Club met for the first time in 2020 with a record number of attendees, welcoming five new members. Their exciting programme planned for the coming year includes Miles of Aisles – a talk about the history of Sainsbury's, a Music Hall entertainment by the Jaja's, and an outing for a cream tea by the Thames. Why not join this friendly, happy social club which meets on alternate Thursdays at the Community Centre? For more details phone Ann on 01923 267604.*

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# Harold Taylor – 90 and counting!

Harold is a familiar figure in Kings Langley. He was born on 1 January 1930, an only son with six sisters, on Hornsey's Coldfall Estate. When war broke out they stayed put, the council installing an Anderson shelter at the end of each garden. They spent 341 nights in it in 1940! He passed the 11+ and attended the Stationers' Company's School, which he left aged 16 .

The Methodist Church was a formative influence in his teens and twenties through the thriving Muswell Hill church, and he was accredited as a local preacher in 1950 conducting services regularly around the Highgate circuit and beyond.

After two years' National Service in the Royal Navy (which he did not enjoy) he trained as a teacher in History and Divinity at Westminster Training College and subsequently spent several years teaching in secondary schools in North London, qualifying by private study for the London BD (Bachelor of Divinity) and Master of Philosophy degrees whilst working full-time as a teacher. 'It was a hard slog,' he says.

He married in 1959 at the Muswell Hill Methodist Church, and he and his wife settled into their first home in Edgware with Alison arriving in 1963. Didsbury College in Manchester was his next move as a college lecturer where he taught Religious Studies up to graduate level. Bridget and Christopher were born there.

After a spell as Gloucestershire County Humanities Adviser, in 1976 he was appointed Principal Education Adviser (subsequently Assistant Director of Education) in the London Borough of Harrow, and the family moved to its current home in Kings Langley. 11 years later he took early retirement and, with the attractive prospect of many active years ahead, embarked upon several voluntary jobs.

The first was with Citizens Advice, an association lasting 22 years, for the last half of which he dealt exclusively with telephone callers and was therefore dubbed 'the voice of Abbots Langley'. The second, and most satisfying job he says, has been a central involvement in the work of Christian Aid in Kings Langley, first as secretary, which

involved, among many other projects, setting up fundraising campaigns and publications, and then as Chair for ten years. He remains very active in all their work and is passionate about it. When the time comes, he has directed that his ashes should be buried in a red Christian Aid bucket!

Harold responded to an appeal for help with young offenders at Bovingdon Prison which led to five years as a member of the Parole Board. He left it with a sense of the futility of our penal system. He was also involved in the early establishment of DENS when it was a church-based night shelter for the homeless, where guests could get hot meals and a bed for a few nights.

He has for 25 years been a volunteer with the National Trust – as a tour guide and shop assistant at Sutton House in Hackney and later at Fenton House in Hampstead, for which he has received a long service award. Other voluntary work has included several years as chairman of the Kings Langley Charities which distributes occasional help to people in need, and ten years as chair of Good Neighbours, in which capacity he shared in providing transport to medical and other appointments. He also helped to launch the *Village News* as its secretary.

Retirement provided the opportunity to study part-time for a Diploma in Art History at Birkbeck College, specialising in medieval art and architecture, graduating cum laude.

One of his great regrets is that he never received a decent musical education. He has tried to compensate for this deficiency by building up a large collection of recorded music, with special emphasis on the music of J.S.Bach. He has developed a love of gardening over the past few years and loves spending time with his children and four splendid grandsons.

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PHOTO: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD ROTARY CLUB

## Santa Sleigh

*The Rotary Club of Hemel Hempstead just over £18,000 from its Santa Sleigh activities during the run-up to Christmas.*

*Club secretary Tony Burford commented very pleased with the collector organisation, our house-to-house collections who work provide the collectors and Santas, and the*

## Kings Langley Players salute *The Lieutenant*

*The Kings Langley Players (KLP) celebrate their 95th anniversary this year and, as your Village News is being delivered to you, they are bringing Bruges writer/director Martin McDonagh's black comedy *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* to life at the Community Centre on 5, 6 and 7 March.*

KLP is made up of 55 members who take part in an annual

programme of three plays and a family show designed to showcase the best of theatre past and present.

Look out for their next production *Urinetown: the Musical* by Greg Kotis from 17 – 20 June which will complete their special anniversary 2019/20 season.

*For more information, visit [www.klp.org.uk](http://www.klp.org.uk)*

*Guy Pe... and Sop...*



Harold Taylor

Harold celebrated his 90th birthday (and 70 years as a Methodist lay preacher) in January 2020. He marked this double anniversary by conducting worship for the last time on 5 January at the Methodist Church. In later years, he also became a member of All Saints church.

## Christian Aid in Kings Langley

Christian Aid in Kings Langley is delighted to report a fundraising total of £9,490 in 2019 – over half of which was raised during Christian Aid week in May.

The team are very grateful for all the help from people in the village so that Christian Aid can bring urgent aid and longer-term support for those most vulnerable in the world.

Moving into 2020 the most pressing issue is that of climate change which impacts everyone but most especially those who have the least means to cope with it.

The first fundraiser of 2020 was the quiz night on 7 February which raised an excellent £990 with 13 village teams taking part. Grateful thanks to The Langley Butcher, Cinnamon Lounge, Taylor's Tools, Chez Christie, Whizzz Bang and all others who contributed raffle prizes.



PHOTO: CHRIS PETTY

## New beginnings...

Followers of Monty Don will know that now spring has arrived, gardens need to be tidied up to prepare for the displays of summer flowers, vegetables and fruit.

'I know what needs to be done out there,' said one elderly village resident, 'but I can't bend down to do it any more!' Good Neighbours now have a few volunteers prepared to help... could you join their gardening team, or do you know of an elderly neighbour or relative who could do with help? Call the helpline on **07790 668 672**.

## h raises sackloads!

d collected high tmas. in all weathers. Thanks also go out to the people of Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley and Bovington for their generous support.'

'We are tions in ked hard to urning out The Rt. Hon. Sir Mike Penning presented the cheques to collector organisations and local charities assisted by Rotary Club Vice-president Beverley Funnell.

## nt of Inishmore



skin, Connor Davey, Mike Jenkins ohie Palumbo in rehearsal



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# News from the Parish Pump

With spring just around the corner, the question on everyone's lips is 'What happened to the tulip tree in the Village Garden?'

Having flowered twice in 2019 it may have seemed the unkindest cut of all to pollard it (remove the branches). However, councils have a responsibility to regularly survey the trees for which they are responsible to ensure they are safe. 'The parish council is responsible for trees in the Village Garden and in the Sunderland's Yard allotments,' explained Village Warden Paul Savin. 'So we will be working to a plan over the next few years to ensure, as far as is possible, that the trees are safe and healthy.' The trees in other public spaces are the responsibility of Dacorum Borough Council.

On a welcome note, a local nurseryman has donated more shrubs to the Village Garden. 'We are very grateful to Dave and Jill for their ongoing support' added Paul, 'it means the villagers lending a hand on the first Friday in February, including Peter Faulkner and Ann Johnson, were able to add a touch more colour at a fairly monochrome time of year.'

Earlier this year Father James McDonald of All Saints' Church sought the council's support for his proposal to walk a donkey along the High Street on Palm Sunday (5 April) to celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The intention is to walk the short distance from Dalling & Co to the church – parish councillors agreed to accompany the



PHOTO: ALAN JOHNSON

## The Village Garden tulip tree

procession in the regulation uniform for such activities – high visibility vests. 'Easter is about more than chocolate eggs' said Derek Collins, 'This is a lovely way of reminding local people about this most celebrated Christian festival.'

This year is Hertfordshire Year of Culture, showcasing the county as one of creative and cultural opportunity and local artist Abu Jafar approached the parish council about supporting an exhibition of painting, sculpture, installations, artist talks, and workshops by four local artists: Abu Jafar, Dick Onians, Ewa Wawrzyniak, and Graham Boyd.

'All four artists live in Kings Langley and Chipperfield and exhibit in some of the most important galleries, museums and sculpture parks here and abroad,' said Alan Johnson. 'Given the scale of what was proposed, it was important to find a suitable venue.' The council have put Abu in touch with Langley Hill School as the venue, and they are working on sourcing Arts Council funding for the exhibition with the help of the county's Year of Culture team.

## Become a Friend

Did you know that there are the remains of a 14th century Dominican priory at the top of Langley Hill? Help uncover the village's hidden history: become a Friend of The Priory to help



Coombe Hill School, Kings Langley Priory, Herts.

bring this beautiful old building back to life with a vegetarian/vegan cafe, meeting rooms, classes and workshops on vegetarian and vegan cookery, organic and biodynamic food growing, and regenerative agriculture.

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## Dacorum's environmental portfolio

Appointed as Dacorum Borough Council's portfolio holder for Environmental Services last May, Alan Anderson has familiarised himself with the 'inner workings' and is now considering how they could be improved – not necessarily a straightforward task.

He says the trickiest bit has been changing the arrangement for refuse collection calendars and trying to communicate to people without internet access that they can phone the council to get a calendar sent to them. It was on the front page of *Dacorum Digest* (delivered to every house in the borough) but unfortunately some people didn't read that!



Much of his work has focused on little things, like banning the launch of harmful sky lanterns from council property and prosecuting fly-tippers. But there have been the big things too; although refuse disposal isn't their responsibility, Dacorum is obviously heavily involved, and this has become a big issue.

Alan is lobbying Herts County Council to keep trying to establish a refuse processing facility in the county, so they can stop carting truckloads of rubbish long distances out of the county, and in addition tackle the issue that some of our dry recyclables are not actually recycled but are exported overseas by resellers. Bizarrely money is not the problem, the real issue is that nobody wants a refuse processing facility in their backyard!

The other 'biggest' issue is the climate change agenda. Together with the Leader of the Council, Alan is focused on practical action that isn't counterproductive, including a programme to plant 1,000 trees on public land in the borough.



## KL Cricket Club

This time last year Kings Langley Cricket Club made an appeal for new players – all clubs need plenty of players as there are few people who are available every week. As they make this year’s appeal, here are some stories of the guys that joined last year:



sport but never cricket. He went to a practice session, had 15 mins coaching and was hooked. The next week his twin brother Will had a go, and two weeks after that their dad Barry came to watch. When another player couldn’t make it, Barry stepped in, playing his first game of cricket at the age of 70, and all three now play regularly!

Meet Dave... he hadn’t played cricket since school. 30 years later he got in touch, motivated by the desire to play a team sport and get fit. His first attempts at bowling in the nets did not go well – however his memory kicked in and as the season developed he became an important member of the squad taking wickets and scoring runs for both the 3rd and 2nd teams.

Kevin had never played cricket before but had always fancied it. With some coaching in the nets he has become a very promising batsman and bowler, and he is already the 3rd XI Vice-Captain for the coming season.

Meet Matt... he had always played

The club welcomes anyone who wants to play senior cricket – whether you have never played before, haven’t played for years or are a regular player looking to play a good standard of club cricket. Interested? Get in touch: [Tom.templeton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Tom.templeton@yahoo.co.uk) or **07788 971464**.



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## Spring Concert

Chipperfield Choral’s Spring Concert includes performances of *The Music Makers* by Elgar and Mozart’s *Vespers*.

*The Music Makers* is a setting of a poem by Alfred O’Shaughnessy for contralto solo, chorus and orchestra, with musical quotations from Elgar’s earlier works, particularly *Enigma Variations*, *Dream of Gerontius*, *Sea Pictures*, both Symphonies and the Violin Concerto.

The Mozart *Vespers* showcases the music of the Austrian Baroque and includes the gorgeous and well-loved *Laudate Dominum* for soprano and chorus. There is an impressive line-up of soloists including Chipperfield’s Rosemary Clifford, the first recipient of the society’s Young Singers Scheme, singing mezzo soprano,

The concert is on Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm in St John’s Church, Boxmoor. Tickets are available from choir members or the Box Office on **01923 400520**. [www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk](http://www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk)

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## Lent and Easter services at our village churches

### Christ Church Baptist

**Sunday 5 April 4pm**

Easter *Family Connect* – a chance to explore matters of life and belief through craft, stories and reflection. For all ages and especially with primary age children in mind.

**Sunday 12 April 10.30am**

All Age Easter Celebration.

### All Saints

**Thursdays through Lent at 7.30pm**

Celtic Evening Prayer

**Mothering Sunday 22 March**

Celebrate your mum at the 9.30am service with floral gifts for mums

**Palm Sunday 5 April**

Coffee and hot cross buns at Dalling & Co at 8.45am then a donkey-led procession to All Saints in time for the 9.30 service with Sunday School Easter play!

**Sunday 5 April 5pm**

Taizé Eucharist

**Monday 6 April 7.30pm**

Healing Eucharist

**Good Friday 9.30am**

Children's service *Experience Easter* followed by refreshments

**11am** Stations of the cross

**12.15pm** Good Friday service

**Saturday 11 April 8.30pm**

Service of Light

**Easter Day 12 April 9.30am**

Family Eucharist with Sunday School and Easter egg hunt

### Churches together in Kings Langley

**Easter Day 12 April 8am** Combined service in the Village Garden

### Waterside Baptist

**Good Friday 10 April 10.30am**

Service for the Death of the Lord Jesus on the Cross

**Easter Day 12 April 10.30am**

Service for the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the Dead

**6pm** Evening service

### Methodist Church

**Sunday 5 April 10am**

Palm Sunday Service

**Sunday 12 April 10.30 am**

Easter Day Service at Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead

## What's on at the Tuesday Jazz club at the Services Club?

Dave Smith's Jazz Club, held in the Kings Langley Services Club theatre each Tuesday evening are swinging into 2020, their 33rd year!

Music Organiser John Davis has signed up 50 performances from live bands from across the south of England, playing different kinds of jazz music, to perform in this village venue.

The performances include both big (18+ piece) 40's – 60's swing bands, medium combos and small quartets, and most are with singers. There are also Trad Jazz Bands, Dixieland,

Modern Jazz bands, Mainstream bands and easy listening Latin Rhythm(s) bands. Visitors are welcome, and there's no entry charge, simply sign in at the bar – arrive early for a table on big band nights! Watch out for the occasional well-known pro musician who can't resist the venue and sometimes drops in to jam with the band. For details [kingslangleyjazz.co.uk](http://kingslangleyjazz.co.uk)

## Vehicle security from PCSO Ian Martin

Analysis of crime trends has shown that criminals are changing their methods of theft in the light of advances in vehicle electronics, on board computer and Wi Fi systems.

Here are the top Operation Chariot tips to help you protect your vehicle and the property within it:

- **Lock** the doors and shut the windows and sunroof whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.
- **Always** take the keys out of the ignition even if you're just paying for fuel, or popping back into your home to get something.
- **Be aware** of your keys. Don't leave them lying around, visible or in pockets in changing rooms where they could be taken. Don't leave them visible on a windowsill in your home or near the front door, where they could be 'hooked' through the letterbox.
- **Never** leave any valuables in your vehicle – and keep all possessions out of sight.
- **Remove** your sat nav and its holder, and wipe away any suction marks on the windscreen.
- **Never** leave vehicle documents in your car.
- **Use** an approved steering lock or gear clamp, and set your immobiliser and alarm if you have them.
- **Consider** buying locking screws kits to secure number plates which are targeted by criminals.
- **Register** your stereo, laptop, sat nav and any other property on the free online property database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). It only takes a few minutes and could help police trace your property if it's lost or stolen.



- If you advertise your vehicle for sale on an online web site, ensure the number plates are covered over when photographed to avoid cloning of its identity.
- Fit a dual band tracking device that works on VHF/UHF and GPS to ensure that one tracking system is still functioning if criminals use GPS blocking techniques to avoid detection. Purchase devices to 'Thatcham' and 'SBD' approval to combat this type of vehicle theft, as vehicles equipped with a tracking device are often promptly recovered.

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# Interested in model railways?

Hemel Hempstead Model Railway Society are a small friendly club that meets every Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm at Nash Mills Recreation Centre, and they have members with a wide range of skills and experience in railway modelling.

They have a 16ft x 4ft continuous run 00 and n gauge test track and O gauge test track, and a 00 gauge exhibition layout. Visitors are always welcome and there are refreshments available.

The club are celebrating their 60th year with an exhibition in Leverstock Green Community Centre on Saturday 25 April – full details are on our back page.

For information, visit their website at [www.hhmrs.co.uk](http://www.hhmrs.co.uk) or email the society at [info.hhmrs@yahoo.com](mailto:info.hhmrs@yahoo.com)

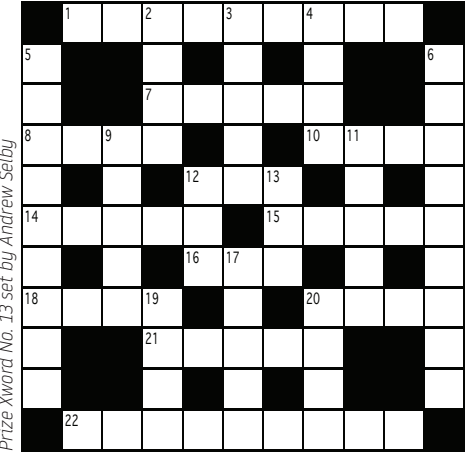


Home win for Chris!

*Our Issue 12 Xword winner, Chris Hartley, was delighted to receive his prize from Richard Whitaker, 1st Team Operations Manager at Kings Langley Football Club (above). No stranger to the pitch himself, Chris is a County Senior referee, who regularly enters our competition. 'My wife, Helen, and I enjoy doing the crossword every issue – it's great to be on a winning team!'*

# Prize Xword

*This issue's prize is a free haircut or shave at The Kings Langley Barber! Simply post or email your completed crossword to us (see page 2) to arrive by Friday 17 April. The first correct entry drawn from the hat will be awarded this month's prize.*



Prize Xword No. 13 set by Andrew Selby

**Across**

- 1 Did this this Village road once have a deep, unlit hole? (9)
- 7 Small group of trees (5)
- 8 One by one (4)
- 10 Hidden near the middle of the picture, a heroic legend awaits! (4)
- 12 Increase, enlarge (3)
- 14 Being more authentic (5)
- 15 The same as (5)
- 16 Sharp pointed piercing tool (3)
- 18 Very popular former group from Scandinavia (4)
- 20 Popular game (4)
- 21 Stringed instrument (5)
- 22 Village road probably named after a 20th Century (UK) King's consort (9)

**Down**

- 2 Classical shaped structure used in many large, old buildings (4)
- 3 Soft, fine fibrous substance surrounding seed from Ceiba tree (5)
- 4 Thin sword (4)
- 5 Village road leading off from the A4251 (5, 4)
- 6 This Village byway made of fickle stuff, all confused! (9)
- 9 Small edible particle that has broken off (5)
- 11 Animated Disney creature (5)
- 12 Time period marking a particular event or events (3)
- 13 Fish (3)
- 17 Fred Flintstone's wife (5)
- 19 Take care to find this old confounded measure! (4)
- 20 Prod to encourage (4)

**Correct Answers to Xword No: 12**  
**Across:** 1 Achievement, 5 Deuce, 7 Rerun, 8 Engulfs, 9 Pianist, 11 Occam, 12 Deneb, 13 Kings Meadow. **Down:** 1 Address Book, 2 House, 3 Earls, 4 Tennis Elbow, 6 Egg Farm, 7 Rallied, 9 Pecan, 10 Tuned



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### Community Library

The Nap, Kings Langley  
*The Library Book Club meets in the library on the second Tuesday of each month 4.45pm – 5.45pm. New members are always welcome*

- 21 March Bookstall on Village Market
- 25 March. AGM 12pm
- 25 March. Evening talk by Julian Minchin *Whence the Music* 7pm
- 27 March Getting started with Ancestry with Chris Levitt 3-4pm

- 1 April evening talk by Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society *The Royal Palaces of Kings Langley* (repeat) 7.30pm
- 18 April Bookstall on Village Market
- 24 April Getting Started with Ancestry with Chris Levitt 3 – 4pm

- 16 May Bookstall on Village Market
- 20 May *Tea down Memory Lane* an afternoon event for our older residents
- 20 May Evening event *Air Traffic Control* by Andy Rankine 7pm
- 29 May Getting started with Ancestry with Chris Levitt 3 – 4pm

*Tickets for events are available from the library*

Regular events  
 Thursdays 2 – 2.30pm Toddler Tales  
 Fridays 2.30 – 3.30pm Babbage Sing and Play

*Follow us on our facebook page or just call in to the Community Library, The Nap, Kings Langley.*

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*For more information see our facebook page @KLartsandcrafts*

### Women's Institute

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*Contact the Secretary John Addy on 01923 264171 djaddy@djaddy.f9.co.uk*

### 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@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk*



### Country Market

Kings Langley Community Centre, back hall.  
*Good selection of cakes, savouries, craft and cards.*  
*Thursdays 10am – 11.30am*

### Hemel Hempstead Model Railway Society 60th Anniversary Model Railway Exhibition

Leverstock Green Community Centre  
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*Featuring Ealing Road from the TV series The Great Model Railway Challenge and at least seven other layouts*  
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### Gardening Society

Manor House, Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley  
*Abbots Langley Gardening social evenings are held in the Manor House and start at 8pm unless stated otherwise. Meetings are free to members and guests pay £2.*

- 18 March Colin Oakes will give a talk entitled *Culpeper and his Complete Herbal.*
- 28 March Spring Show in the Henderson Hall from 11am
- 11 April Spring Four Seasons BBQ at the Depot 9am – 10am.
- 16 April *Amphibians and Reptiles* by Nick Bessant
- 1 May Spring Quiz (£14 per person)
- 21 May Sunnyside Rural Trust – the work of this local charity by Keely Siddiqui-Charlick.  
*For more information www.algs.org.uk*

### All Saints

- Friday 13 March Scottish Dancing evening in the Community Centre
- Friday 15 May Wine Tasting evening in All Saints church hall
- Friday 18 September Quiz night in the Community Centre  
*For more information and to book tickets call 01923 266667 or 01923 592005*



*Tiny Tots at All Saints Church for little ones 0 – 3 years and their carers. Every Wednesday 9.30am – 11am in term time. Play and craft, songs and stories and refreshments. All welcome!*

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