

**Arms of Isabel of Castille
and Edmund de Langley**



**Drawing by Richard Boustred. Artistic impression
of the Royal Palace of Kings Langley.**



The Christmas Lights Festival 2011



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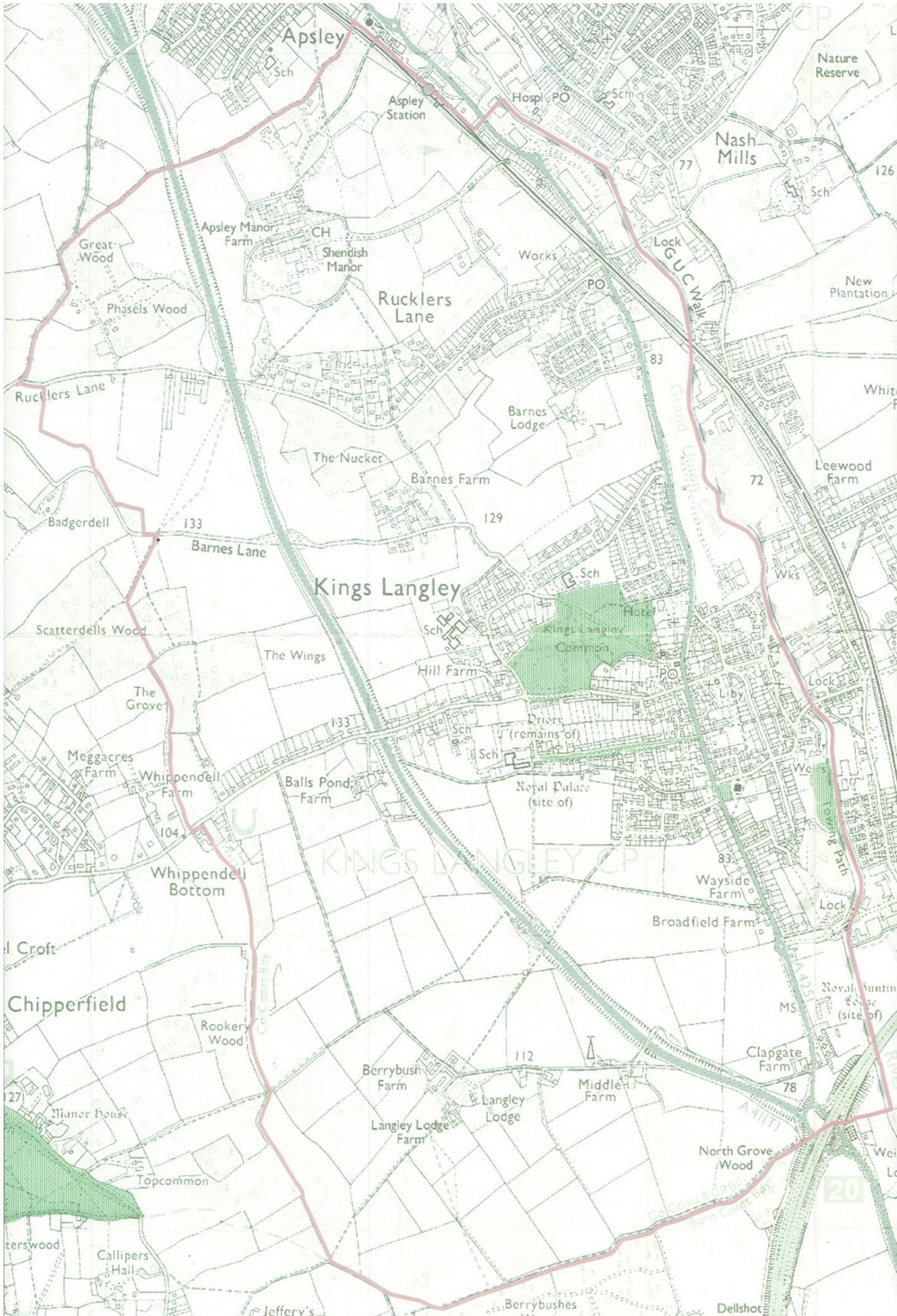
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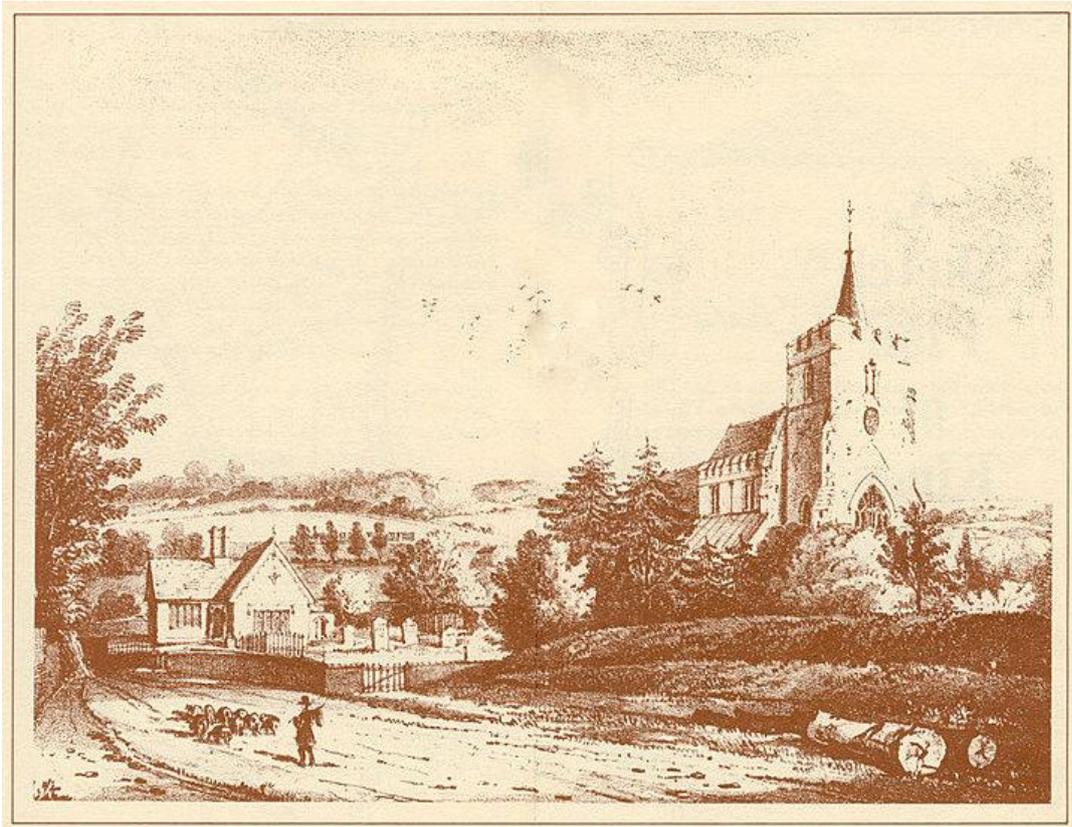
Kings Langley Parish Map





Kings Langley - Our Heritage

Kings Langley, our village in Hertfordshire, lays claim to an extraordinary history. From its origins prior to Roman settlement and thriving Domesday community, through its Royal Palace in the 14th Century to a wealth of transport connections, farming and industry, the village can recount tales matched by few other places in the U.K.



This print circa 1840, shows the All Saints Church in Church Lane. Traditional life in the village was then starting to undergo many changes. In contrast to the herdsman, a steam engine and carriages are just visible behind the four trees beyond the village school whose construction was at about the same time as the arrival of the railway.



Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York, 1st Earl of Cambridge,

Order of the Garter, (5 June 1341 – 1 August 1402). Edmund was a younger son of King Edward III of England and Philippa of Hainault, the fourth of the five sons who lived to adulthood, of this Royal couple. Like so many medieval princes, Edmund gained his identifying nickname from his birthplace of Langley, now Kings Langley in Hertfordshire. He was the founder of the House of York, but it was through the marriage of his younger son, Richard, that the Yorkist faction in the Wars of the Roses made its claim on the throne (the other party in the Wars of the Roses, the Lancasters, being the male descendants of his elder brother, John of Gaunt).



Edmund de Langley, 1st Duke of York was born on 5 June 1341 in Kings Langley, and died there on 1 August 1402, aged 61. He is buried in All Saints church.

He was married to Infanta Isabella of Castile and Joan Holland, and had the following children with Isabella:

Edward of Norwich, 2nd Duke of York
Constance of York, Countess of Gloucester
Richard of Conisburgh, 3rd Earl of Cambridge



Infanta Isabella of Castile, Duchess of York (c. 1355 – 23 December 1392) was a daughter of King Peter of Castile and María de Padilla.^[1] She was a younger sister of Constance, Duchess of Lancaster.

In spring 1372, Isabella married Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York. As a result of her marriage, she became the first of a total of eleven women who became (as a courtesy by marriage to their husbands) Duchess of York.

She was named a Lady Companion of the Order of the Garter in 1378. Isabella died 23 December 1392 and on 14 January 1393 was buried in Kings Langley Manor House in Hertfordshire, England, but is now buried in the tomb of Edmund, in All Saints church.



The Priory



In the North West of the Parish is the site of the 14th century Dominican Friary. One building of this period is preserved and is used as part of the Rudolph Steiner School which is on this site. Incorporated into the complex of stone, brick and timber of the Priory are the remnants of Edward II's Friary. It was deserted at the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1538 and only one long rectangular building survives (the locutorium). No trace of the large Dominican Church on the site remains.

The Drift



The footpath to the left of the school entrance links Langley Hill with The Drift - a right of way granted to the friars by Edward II to reach their lands by the river. Looking back towards the high street from here offers some views across the fields which were once the Royal Deer Park.



The Palace



Drawing by Richard Boustred

The site of the Royal Palace is within the grounds of the Rudolph Steiner School. Nothing remains above ground, but excavations have revealed remnants of palace buildings and a large wine cellar constructed in the 13th century. The Palace was used by all of the Kings of England from Edward I to Henry IV, although it was allowed to fall into decay after the mid 15th century.



Industrial development



Ovaltine Works 1930s

In 1865, Dr. George Wander, a Swiss chemist based in Berne, established the high nutritional value of barley malt. He then began to manufacture malt extract and launched the food drink, 'Ovomaltine'. In 1900 his son, Albert, took over the business and in 1909 established the British company A. Wander Ltd. The name Ovomaltine was changed to Ovaltine for the British market and became very popular with doctors as a health product.

In 1913 the number of employees at Kings Langley was just 7, rising to 1400 in 1950 before automation greatly reduced the workforce. By 1990 the number of people employed had shrunk to 350 nevertheless still a major local business until its demise in 2002.





Grand Union Canal

The canal movement in the second half of the 18th century, coupled with the turnpiking of the roads, stimulated internal trade and produced a much increased flow of goods to the ports. The canals and the new roads made the Industrial Revolution possible. At Kings Langley the flow of the River Gade was channelled and controlled.

The section of the Grand Junction Canal (the Grand Union Canal from 1929) from London to Boxmoor was opened in 1797. To begin with it was used solely for goods, including Welsh slates and imported machine made bricks which gradually replaced local building materials. Coal from the Midlands proved much cheaper. Local produce was taken up to the capital and the barges (or narrow boats as they were known because they had to be no wider than seven feet and might be as long as seventy feet) came back with loads of manure and street sweepings. These boats carried up to sixty tons and were hauled by mules and donkeys as well as horses.



Before long the canals were carrying passenger services as well as goods. Packet boats, using relays of horses in the same way as stage coaches, were able to keep up average speeds of around eight miles an hour. The building of the canal affected the life of the village in ways we might not now expect. At least two of the inns (The Griffin and The Boatman in Water Lane) had stabling for tow-horses; and another (The Lamb at the junction with Church Lane) had a tackroom for their harness when the boatmen stayed overnight.

Before the end of the nineteenth century steam powered boats came into general use. Many of these were able to tow a second unpowered boat or 'butty'. Steam power went out in the early 1930s to make way for the diesel engine.

When the canal was first built it must have been the greatest boon to the farmers of the neighbourhood. However, its importance as a principal means of transport was shortlived, since it was overtaken before long by the new railway (opened in 1837). Because of the greater speed of the trains the canal was unable to retain the traffic in perishables and passengers but it still kept going for a long time with the transport of heavy goods. It was reclassified as a cruising waterway in 1968.



Paper Making

Paper making was a big industry in the valley of the River Gade, with mills at Apsley, Nash, Home Park and Croxley. These were all owned by John Dickinson who, in the early 19th century, created machines for making paper and started an industry which was destined to employ thousands of local people for many generations.



Aerial photograph of Home Park Mill, 1970s, showing railway bottom left and canal top right



Kings Langley Community Groups & Societies

Homes for the Elderly

Abbeyfield Homes (for the elderly)
Abbeyfield Homes (extra care)
Arden House Nursing home
Willow Edge (Sheltered Housing)

Community Centres / Halls

All Saints Church hall
Baptist Church Hall
Guide Hall
Methodist hall
Oddfellows (Reading Room)
Rucklers Lane Community Centre/Hall
Scout HQ, Kings Langley
Kings Langley Community Centre

Churches

All Saints (CofE)
Christ Church Baptist
Methodist Church
Zion Chapel (Z Baptist)

Libraries / Education

Kings Langley Library
Kings Langley Primary School
Rudolph Steiner School
WEA Secretary
Kings Langley Secondary School

Travel

Dacorum Community Wheels
Herts Dial a Ride
Shopmobility Hemel Hempstead

Sport and Recreation

Canoe Club
DBC Leisure Services
Kings Langley Bowls Club
Kings Langley Cricket Club
Kings Langley Football
Kings Langley Riding School
Kings Langley Swimming Club
Pilates
Sportspace, Kings Langley
Yoga2practise at Methodist Church Hall



Societies and Clubs

K L Allotments Association
Alexandra Women's Club
Kings Langley Women's Group
KLOWNS
Chiltern Society
Evergreen Club
Kings Bridge Club
Kings Langley Local History & Museum Society
Kings Langley Residents Association
Langley's Bridge Club
Luncheon Clubs (Tues. Rucklers Lane, Tues The Nap)
Oddfellows Society
Services Club
Waterside Centre
Women's Institute

Advice and Help

Chipperfield Care Assoc
Care Line
Childline
Citizens Advice Bureau
Cruse Bereavement Care
Druglink
Dyslexia Association
Good Neighbours Care Link
Samaritans
Social Services Centre
Three Villages Children's Centre (Kings Langley)
Victim Support (SW Herts)

Schools and Nurseries

Jack In The Box
Kindergarten (Rudolph Steiner)
KLASH after school club
KL Playgroup
Montessori Nursery
Mother and Toddler (Weds All Saint)
Mother and Toddler (Thurs Baptist Hall)
National Childbirth Trust
Neighbourhood Safety / Neighbourhood Watch Support (Dacorum)
Under 8's Officer Social Services

Farms

Balls Pond Farm
Langleybury Farm
Wayside Farm



Arts/Clubs

Arts Centre for Young People
Beaver / Cubs / Scouts & Explorers
Brownies
Brownies (Waiting List)
Rainbows
Dance Class
Junior Drama
L & S Theatre School
Youth Theatre (Abbots Langley)
Youth Club (Senior)
Gade Dog Training
K L Community Association
K L Community Choir
K L Light Opera Co
K L Players
K L Winemakers
Poetry Group
Reach Out Project (for disabled)
Revue Variety Co.

Miscellaneous

Herts Archaeological Trust
Herts Conservation Society
Kings Langley Country Market
Phasels Wood Scout Camp
Villager Newspaper



Kings Langley Annual Events

Beating the Bounds

On the 5th Sunday after Easter, members of the Parish get together for a walk around the Parish boundary.



Members of the Parish set off from All Saints Church

Farmers Open day

Wayside Farm hold various open days throughout the year which allow local residents to see and understand the work behind a dairy farm





Carnival

Each year, a carnival is held on the Common at the top of Vicarage Lane on the nearest Saturday to Midsummer's Day. The Rotary Club has organised the event along with Parish Councillors and members of the Parish for a large number of years. Funds raised from the event are distributed to local organisations within the village.

The photo below shows organisations that received funding at a presentation evening in September 2011.





Gardens Competition

The Parish Council have run an Annual Gardens Competition for more than 30 years within the Kings Langley Parish. On the last Saturday in July, the judges go round to every home that has entered the competition to see their wonderful displays of various categories of the competition. Each entrant receives a £5 gift voucher to be spent at Garden Scene in Chipperfield with a Presentation Evening held later in the Autumn.

The photo below shows the entrants at the 2011 Presentation Evening.





Remembrance Parade

The Parish Council organise a Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints during the afternoon. A service which is attended by many parishioners and members of the Guiding and Scouting movements. The ceremony is followed by a wreath laying service at the War Memorial and light refreshments in the Church Hall.





Christmas Lights Festival

Generally considered to be the best in the area, the Kings Langley Christmas Lights Festival has become a very popular event within the Village. Organised by the Parish Council and Community Action Dacorum, the road is closed off on the last Saturday in November for an afternoon and evening of entertainment in the High Street. Local organisations have stalls to raise awareness and fund-raise, local schools and groups entertain the audience from the stage, Father Christmas stops by to listen to the children's wishes and a local resident is asked to officially switch on the lights.





Community Awards

The Parish Council have recently started an Annual Community Award where residents are invited to nominate someone they know who deserves the award for the voluntary work they do within the village. The award is presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

The photo shown below is from the first presentation of the Community Award in 2010.





Diamond Jubilee

Plans are in place to hold a “Party in the Park” to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The event will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th June in Green Park and the Community Centre with entertainment throughout the whole afternoon from local bands, schools and individuals. Local businesses have donated their equipment free of charge for the whole village to enjoy a free afternoon in the park, such as bouncy castles, limo rides, face painting, games and lots more.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
PARTY IN THE PARK
on Tuesday 5th June from
1pm to 7pm**



**in Green Park
and in the Community Centre
to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee
organised by Kings Langley Parish Council**



Licensed Bar	1.00pm	Official Opening	Sand Painting
	1.10pm	Primary School Choir and Glee Club	
	1.50pm	Tracy and her Zumba Ladies	
	2.00pm	History display	
	2.30pm	Blazin’ Blue	
Bring A Picnic	3.00pm	History display	Flag Colouring
	3.10pm	Sammie and Friends	
	3.50pm	The Lakes (Indi Rock Band from Rudolf Steiner School)	
	4.00pm	History display	
	4.00pm	Tug of War*	
		Fun and games for all the family	
Scout Games	5.00pm	History display	Competition - Make a crown and bring it along
	5.00pm	Egg throwing event (to commemorate the 671st birthday of Edmund de Langley)	
	5.45pm	Kings Langley School Cabaret Acts	
	7.00pm	End of party	
Free Face Painting			Free Limo Rides from A1 Stretch
			Free Bouncy Castles from A&K Events

* Any teams/individuals interested in participating, please contact Sportspace on 01442 507210





Annual Reports

Kings Langley Primary School



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Annual Report to the Parish Council – April 2012

Yet another busy year at Kings Langley Primary School.....

We continue to be oversubscribed at the application stage and now offer full-time care for our nursery children for the autumn term. Our wrap-around-care in the main school offers a daily breakfast and after school club which runs until 6.00pm each evening.

The link with our partner school in Achiet-le-Grand continues and we have recently forged an additional link with a primary school in Kenya for which we are now raising funds to help purchase classroom furniture and children’s reading books.

The school has an excellent working relationship with the secondary school and our students have really enjoyed working with their sports leaders and specialist teachers. Our sports teams continue to fill our trophy cabinet and enjoy participating in all that comes their way. Our netball team recently supported the girls’ school with their 100th birthday celebrations.

The school choir performed at the switching on of the village lights last November, the History Society’s Garden Party in June and the annual Kings Langley Carnival. We love performing around the village so please do get in touch if you would like us to attend one of your events.

We are looking forward to supporting the village with their Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, the Village Carnival and this year’s Village-in-Bloom Competition.

Paul Harris, Head Teacher



Kings Langley Secondary School - Highlights

The Local Authority has submitted a bid on behalf of the school to the Department for Education for a complete rebuild. Should we be successful, it would possibly mean the construction of a new school alongside the current buildings but with a smaller overall "footprint". On completion of this new building the old site would be demolished and returned to "green belt" playing fields. We expect to hear after Easter if we have been successful.

Bradley Middleton, one of our sixth formers, has been awarded the Queens Scout Award on top of his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

In September 2011, the school was awarded the "Anti Bullying Kitemark" following extensive evaluation from external inspectors. We are the only secondary school in Hertfordshire to have been awarded this valued kitemark.

Following a recent assessment by the Arts Council, the school has been awarded the new Artsmark Gold Standard, reflecting on the outstanding achievements of our arts subjects over the past 3 years.

Our very active student school council has been prolific in campaigning for our new school and the inclusion of their activities and publicity campaign in both local and national press has been substantial. They are also leading on several extensive charity drives and in particular they are linking with villages in Africa following the work of many of our students as volunteers in these villages over past summer holidays. In addition, the Student Council is leading our support for Kings Langley village over coming months in terms of organising litter picking drives and a remodelling of the school entrance to include an impressive floral display in raised beds.

Sports teams continue to be very successful and many of our rugby teams have been required to move up to a new level and will now be competing directly with selective and other private schools. We have won 3 county cup finals and one regional final over the past few months.

The school has started a process of consultation on becoming a "conversion academy". Academy status would mean that we would in effect become an independent state funded school. However, the school has no intention of changing its culture or ethos and will continue to be a fully inclusive, comprehensive school regardless of the outcomes of this consultation process.

The school has received its highest number of applications for places in September 2012 and some 84 families remain on the continuing interest list. The catchment area of the school is shrinking markedly and many students in the Abbots Langley area were unable to secure places this year.

Examination results in the summer of 2011 were our highest ever and it was pleasing to note that we were the most successful of the Hemel Hempstead Schools at A (Advanced) Level when considering "value added" performance.

Gary Lewis, Head Teacher



The Kings Langley Charities

The revised pattern of disbursements from this Fund as reported to the 2011 Parish Meeting has continued this year. In addition to the grants traditionally made to elderly and needy people over the Christmas period, the Trustees have made similar provision for needy parents with young children. The changing demographic profile of Kings Langley over recent years is reflected in the allocation of grants. Ten years ago, more than thirty pensioners received grants from the Kings Langley Charities Fund. By 2011, that number had dwindled to eleven elderly persons. This trend is likely to continue.

Accordingly, attention has switched to needy families with children attending Kings Langley schools. It is clear that, in a largely fairly prosperous community, there remain pockets of disadvantage. Without the assistance and co-operation of headteachers and their colleagues it would be very difficult to identify those families. We therefore rely upon their close acquaintance with family circumstances in directing resources to the points of greatest need. In addition to the vouchers worth £50, enhanced by £10 contributed by the Good Neighbours Association, the Trustees allocated £500 to the primary school and £800 to the secondary school to help families pay for such items as school uniforms, extra-curricular “field” visits and residential courses which could not otherwise have been afforded by parents. The Trustees continue to monitor how these grants have been used and are satisfied that they meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the Trust deed following discussion with headteachers.

In summary, sixty vouchers valued at £25 each were cashed by senior citizens and needy families over the Christmas period and subsequently. There is evidence that this grant has made a significant and much appreciated improvement to family circumstances at critical moments. To these individual allocations should be added grants to schools totalling £1300.

The annual grant from the Henry Smith charity has been raised from £1575 to £2000 for the coming year. This should enable the Trustees to maintain their present distribution patterns. In the belief that there are still pockets of unmet need in our community, the Trustees have tried to publicise the existence and functions of this fund in the hope of stimulating greater public awareness of the Charities as a potential source of help for those in genuine need. They will continue to increase public awareness and would welcome confidential information which would enable them to deploy their resources more effectively in accordance with the Provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Trustees wish to thank local traders for their ready co-operation and patience in ensuring that arrangements worked smoothly to our mutual advantage.

Harold Taylor on behalf of the Kings Langley Charities Trustees



Kings Langley Twinning

Achiet-Le-Grand

Achiet-le-Grand is a commune in the Pas-de-Calais department in northern France.

Geography

A farming village located 12 miles (19 km) south of Arras, at the D7 and D9 road junction. The SNCF railway has a station here.

History

The commune was involved in the theatre of operations of the Battle of Bapaume (1871), during the Franco-Prussian War.

The village was twinned with Kings Langley in Hertfordshire, England in November 2009, in honour of Christopher Cox VC from that village who won a Victoria Cross in fighting near Achiet-le-Grand in World War I

Population

Historical population of Achiet-le-Grand						
Year	1962	1968	1975	1982	1990	1999
Population	754	774	787	890	948	1016
From the year 1962 on: population without double counting—residents of multiple communes (e.g. students and military personnel) are counted only once.						



Achiet-Le-Grand – Friendship Charter

Kings Langley



*Arms of Edmund de Langley
& Isabella de Castilla*

Achiet-le-Grand



Diesbach Belleroche

Friendship Charter between Kings Langley and Achiet-le-Grand, Pas-de-Calais, France

Charte d'amitié entre la ville de Kings Langley et Achiet-le-Grand, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Kings Langley and Achiet-le-Grand have a number of common interests, not least with respect to Christopher Cox, VC, which the two communities would seek to expand.

Les communes de Kings Langley et Achiet-le-Grand partagent des intérêts communs, dont celui d'honorer la mémoire de C. Cox, VC, que les deux communautés cherchent à développer.

As representatives of our respective communities of Kings Langley and Achiet-le-Grand, we declare our intention to enter into an enduring Friendship Agreement, to:

En tant que représentants des citoyens de Kings Langley et d'Achiet-le-Grand, nous déclarons notre intention de rentrer dans une démarche d'amitié durable, pour:

- *Develop common interests and knowledge
Développer des intérêts et connaissances communes.*
- *Develop a greater friendship and understanding between our two countries and to grow together
Développer une plus grande amitié et compréhension entre nos deux pays afin de grandir ensemble.*
- *Develop strong educational, cultural, leisure, tourism and sporting links via exchanges between various community groups, organisations and schools
Développer des liens forts, culturels, sportifs, touristiques et éducatifs à travers des échanges avec des associations, des écoles.*
- *Provide an additional network for local business links
Apporter un nouveau réseau pour le commerce local.*

7th November 2009 - 7 novembre 2009

*Councillor Bob McLean, Chair
KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL*

*Monsieur le Maire, Bernard DE REU
ACHIET-LE-GRAND*



Christopher Cox, VC

Christopher Augustus Cox VC (25 December 1889 – 28 April 1959) was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross.

Early army career

Cox was married with one son when war was declared but still volunteered in September 1914. He was a private in the 7th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment, British Army. He went to France in July 1915 and spent nearly two years in the trenches, first on the Somme near Albert. He was wounded on the first day of the Somme offensive. He was at Thiepval in September 1916 and participated in the Bihucourt assault in March 1917, which is where he won the Victoria Cross.

Victoria Cross

On 13 March 1917 at Achiet-le-Grand, France, during an attack by the battalion, the front wave was checked by very heavy artillery and machine gun fire and the whole line had to take shelter in shell holes. Cox, a stretcher-bearer, went out over fire-swept ground and single-handedly rescued four men. Having collected the wounded of his own battalion he then helped to bring in the wounded of the adjoining battalion. On two subsequent days he carried out similar work with complete disregard for his own safety.

Injury and discharge

He sustained serious wounds to his foot in an attack on the village of Cherisy on 3 May 1917 which resulted in him being sent back to England.

His family expanded to 8 children and 14 grandchildren. He died on 28 April 1959 at age 69. His Victoria Cross is currently on display at the Imperial War Museum, London, England.

Memorial celebration in 2007

On 9 September 2007 Kings Langley village celebrated Christopher Augustus Cox's life and daring deeds in a village ceremony. The High Street was closed to traffic to allow a marching piping band, standard bearers, ex service men and women, local dignitaries and members of the Cox family to parade from the Kings Langley Methodist Church along the High Street to The Parish Church for a memorial service. The Last Post by bugle was played within the Church and by the grave. The congregation then moved to the community center, where artifacts relating to Christopher Cox's Life were on display.





Crime Statistics 2011

Kings Langley Crime stats to 31st December	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals	Average
Burglary (dwelling)	1	1		1	1	3	1					2	10	0.83
Burglary (other)			2	4		2	1	2	4	3	2	1	21	1.75
Theft from motor vehicle	2	1	4	2	6	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	27	2.25
Theft of motor vehicle					1					1			2	0.17
Damage or destroy <£5,000	1	2	8	7	6	10	3	4	1	4	3	2	51	4.25
Theft from shop	1		3						1				5	0.42
Theft, other		3	2	1	2	1	5	1		1	1	4	21	1.75
Drug related		1	2	1			2	4			3	2	15	1.25
Other crimes	3	3		4		4	5	4		6	2	1	32	2.67
Totals	8	11	21	20	16	22	18	16	9	17	12	14	184	15.33



Village Today & Development Plan

Spatial Strategy for the Village of Kings Langley:

General.

The Parish Council does not accept the premise that development in the Green Belt is necessary.

Shendish:

Then true plans for the Shendish Estate need to be clarified as soon as possible. The extent of any development and also the positioning of that development in relation to the overall site and the access routes need to be made public. The attitude of the respective bodies to insist that the possible development in Kings Langley, as Shendish is not considered part of the Parish of Kings Langley, is playing with semantics and the Borough Council needs to come clean on this point.

Wayside Farm:

The Parish Council is fundamentally and vehemently opposed to any development of this Green Belt area of land. This goes against all previous, multi party attitudes to development in the Green Belt and in the case of Kings Langley this is totally unnecessary as the planned growth can be catered for by other means.

Sunderland's Yard:

The Parish Council in general believe this to be the way forward for developments in the Kings Langley area. Indeed by the use of other parcels of land, e.g. in the Nap, the old telephone exchange, close to Green Park, significant provision can be made for housing in the village.

Rectory Farm:

The Parish Council is strongly opposed to development of the entire site. However, it does believe that a limited, sympathetic and well-designed development is achievable on this site without detracting from the characteristics and general feel of the village. It further believes that in order to maintain that village character and to prevent any chance of a coalescence with Hemel Hempstead that the creation of a natural park offering essential open and green space to the villagers should be an integral part of any future development plan for this area.

I trust that you find this submission from the Kings Langley Parish Council helpful in your very difficult deliberations going forward and I am sure I speak for all Members when I say we would be prepared to discuss any of these points with you during the consultation process.



Parish Council information

The Parish Council was created in 1894, and is the closest form of local government.

Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council may provide the local government services, but the Parish Council provides the extras, which help make the parish an extra special place.

The Council is elected once every four years, and the current councillors are:

*Cllr Bob McLean (Rucklers Lane)	01923 290904
~Cllr Gerry Angiolini (Abbots View)	01923 263369
Cllr Alan Anderson (Rucklers Lane)	01923 262884
Cllr Julie Barton (Gallows Hill)	01923 270160
Cllr John Biggs (Love Lane)	01923 262644
Cllr Howard Button (The Glebe)	01923 400103
Cllr Derek Collins (Brookfield View)	01923 260623
Cllr Peter McDonnell (Rectory Lane)	01923 262513
Cllr Mark Rogers (Barnes Lane)	01923 268108
Cllr Ron Smith (Toms Lane)	07850 717703

* Chairman & ~ Vice-Chairman

The Staff employed by the council are:

Clerk to the Council - Paul Dunham.
Administrative Assistant - Beverley Ross
Village Warden - Vacant

The council is based at **Charter Court**, at the bottom of Vicarage Lane - into Vicarage Lane from the High Street, the first entrance on the left.

The office is open Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 12.30pm,
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Meetings - The council meets on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 8pm, and the Planning & Licensing Committee meets on the first, third & fifth Tuesdays of each month starting at 7.30pm.

Each meeting starts with an opportunity for you to ask questions/raise any specific issues.

The meeting hall can be hired at other days/times - please contact the office for availability.



Summary

Schools:

Excellent schools @ both the Secondary and Primary level. Both achieve high OFSTED markings and both are now in such demand, they are oversubscribed thereby having to limit entrance locally.

Both are very environmentally conscious and are promoting 'green space' and sustainability projects.

Secondary school has just achieved funding for redevelopment/Academy status which will mean development of additional facilities, revamped swimming pool, fully equipped Sports hall to be available to the local community.

Rudolph Steiner (free) school attracts students from afar a field as Essex and Buckinghamshire

Community Groups:

Excellent range of community groups and activities numbering in excess of 50 active groups, ranging from Women's Institute, Church groups, Dancing classes, Football club, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Drama groups, Community choir, Jazz Band, Operatic society etc.

Environment:

A good balance of environmental 'green space, encompassing Green park, Rockliffe Park, The Common, Shendish, Wayside Farm and Rectory Farm, the latter two no longer are included in the planned heavy density housing proposed under the previous administration

An agreed balanced strategy between the need for local housing for the indigenous population particularly focussing upon the children of long standing residents of the village for new and affordable housing

Following lengthy and many consultations with local residents and environmental groups a balanced and accepted strategy of building on brown field sites primarily, green belt sites, only on the footprint of existing buildings in any green belt area (Rectory Farm). Now accepted as an agreed strategy as part of the Dacorum core strategy and now being passed to the Secretary of State for endorsement

Communications:

Excellent continuing communication with the residents of Kings Langley, via the weekly 'Villager' news letter, regular Parish surgeries held in the High Street on Saturday mornings @ least eight times per year. Additional monthly communication via the joint village's publication of my Kings distributed to both Abbots Langley and Kings Langley residents

Good travel communications to all parts of the country via the close proximity of the M25/M1 junction as well as good half hour high speed train links into London make the village an attractive area for professional commuters.

Historic links:

Extensive village history dating back to Saxon times making it an attractive centre for walkers, ramblers, history buffs etc. History of industrial revolution links to print works occasioned by the development of the Grand Union canal and also East coast main line rail links.



Community environment:

Regular litter picks organised by the Parish Council encouraging the involvement of local residents, schools and other societies

Active involvement in major village events both from community groups, shops and local employers

Crime and Policing:

A virtually crime free environment monitored closely monthly by the Parish Council.

Attendance by local PCSO and Police Constable who are known in the village, communicate regularly with the village youths and take a very common sense approach to incidents, abuse etc.

Over 90% commitment to the Neighbourhood watch scheme which regularly updates residents on any crime issues via the ‘OWL’ system and run regular Police surgeries to warn and update, particularly elderly residents on ‘opportunistic’ crime issues

Major Village events:

Significant social events run throughout the year involving all manner of local groups, Rotary Carnival, Best Kept gardens competition, this year the Diamond Jubilee, Christmas Lights festival. All attract immense support and interest from the local community, shopkeepers, Business people who sponsor and donate to all events

In short: Kings Langley is a wonderful village with a large core of local residents who run and support major events, the older residents, youth activities etc.

Forthcoming Projects:

Bulb planting in the Autumn to create a wonderful spring outlook throughout the village

Planting of an additional 50 trees to create a circle of pink blossom around the perimeter of the Common

Restoration of the historic ‘Pound’ livestock compound

Creation of nature walks through the local common lane woods

Development of youth facilities to include a shelter and outdoor gymnasium facility

Creation of Green Park ‘play group’ area for the Mum’s and younger children

Creation of a ‘wild life’ trail through Rockcliffe Park and development of lakeside facility

In short the village is a very nice place to live!