

THE MUSEUM PROJECT

The Museum Society has been actively collecting artefacts and archives concerning Kings Langley and Chipperfield for over 35 years. It has built up an impressive collection of documents including many transcribed from originals in the County Records Office. The Society also owns a vast collection of photographs and has access to many more. Both of these collections are housed in the Library where they are accessible to the public.

A further collection of artefacts is stored at the Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT) Store at Berkhamsted. The Society is a founder member of DHT, which is the Museum Authority for the Dacorum area.

Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society is committed to establishing a museum in the district. This is to display its collection of artefacts and also the significant Ovaltine archive, in an attractive manner accessible to the public. The Society is in the process of raising funds to achieve this.

The Society would be pleased to hear of any local premises which may be available and suitable for a museum.

A group of archivists meet in the village library on Wednesday mornings between 10 and 12.30 to research and index local heritage documents as well as receive enquiries on family and local history from individuals (*by mutual appointment*) and from the Society's Website from around the world.

Kings Langley's recent history has been well recorded on film and video and the Society arranges showings from time to time.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Kings Langley – A Hertfordshire Village"** - a comprehensive, beautifully illustrated work £25.00 (+£6.00 P&P)
- "Life and Death in Kings Langley"** - a scholarly edition of village wills 1498-1659 £2.00 (+£3.00 P&P)
- "Where there's a Will there's a Story"** - a sequel to the above - wills from 1660-1800 £12.50 (+£3.00 P&P)
- "Without Hesitation"** – The story of Christopher Cox, Kings Langley's only V.C. £10.00 (+£3.00 P&P)
- "A Short History of the Manor of Shendish"** - an A4 booklet describing the manor from pre-history to the present day £4.00 (+£1.00p P&P)
- "A History of the Shops in Kings Langley High Street"** - detailing shops and business premises in the High Street for the last 200 years £2.50 (+60p P&P)
- "A History of the Farms in Kings Langley"** £2.50 (+60p P&P)
- "A History of Brewers and Pubs in Kings Langley"** £2.50 (+60p P&P)
- "Evolution of Kings Langley"** First published 1948 £2.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Tithe Map 1839"** referred to in the book Evolution of Kings Langley (listed above) £1.50
- "Palace, Priory & Mills"** – A brief history of the village £1.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Kings Langley Map"** a superbly drawn and illustrated map in full colour showing the village's many footpaths £1.00
- "Postcards of Old Kings Langley"** - a selection of views is available 30p each or 5 for £1.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Heritage Trail - three short walks around the Village"** £2.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Home Park Paper Mill at Kings Langley."** £3.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Who was who in Kings Langley Parish Church"** £4.00 (+60p P&P)
- "Kings Langley on Film"** a new DVD by Peter Field – A selection of old amateur films taken between 1942 and 1996 of life in the village. £5.00 (£2.00 P&P)
- "A Childhood Remembered"** DVD £5.00 (£2.00 P&P)
- "Transport in Kings Langley"** Pack-horse to Pendolino – Stories of the man-made routes through the Valley £4.00 (+60p P&P)

for further details, or to order publications, email us at

www.kingslangley.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP

By joining the Society you greatly help our work and also provide yourself with free admission to the lectures and receipt of the Newsletter and Annual Programme of Events.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Individual

Full £9 Reduced Rate £6

Two or more in a family

Full £12 Reduced Rate £9

Reduced rates are for Pensioners, Students, and Unemployed

Members may like to add a donation to their subscription.

Please complete the form overleaf send with your cheque to:-

**Kings Langley Local History and
Museum Society
c/o Kings Langley Library
The Nap
Kings Langley
WD4 8ET**

Application for Membership

I wish to join the Society and enclose a cheque
or postal order in favour of

**Kings Langley Local History and Museum
Society**

for £

Name

Address

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Post CodeTel no.

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Date

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To receive updates and News from the Society

by email please tick

2015-16 PROGRAMME

All talks are held at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church, The
Nap, Kings Langley and are open to the public

Non-members £3.00 per visit
Donations to the Society welcomed

2015

Wednesday, 16th September

"Life of a Town Crier"

Dick Smith

Wednesday, 16th October

*"5000 years Afloat – Ships and Boats in Northern Europe
before the Norman Conquest"*

Mike Farley

Wednesday, 20th November

*"The Impact of the Grand Union Canal on West
Hertfordshire"*

Fabian Hiscock

Wednesday, 2nd December - venue to be confirmed

Christmas Social evening at 7.30 pm

Followed by a lecture.

Lecturer to be announced

Members only - tickets from the Chairman.

2016

Wednesday, 20th January

"10,000 years of a Field"

Paul Stanbridge

Wednesday, 17th February

"Verulamium, a Roman Town beneath the Park"

Ann Ledger

Wednesday, 18th March

Annual General Meeting followed by

"Thatching"

Robin Webb

Social events, sponsored walks and other fund raising
activities are organised throughout the year and advised
to members



KINGS LANGLEY LOCAL HISTORY & MUSEUM SOCIETY

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The Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society
exists to recount the history of the Village and make it
more widely known. Kings Langley has an
extraordinary history of which few other villages can
claim, including:

A Roman settlement and thriving Domesday
community.

A royal hunting lodge at the time of Henry III and a
royal palace between the reigns of Edward I and Henry
IV.

A Dominican friary from Edward II to the Dissolution.

A 14-15th century church containing the tomb of
Edmund, son of Edward III, and 1st Duke of York.

A succession of mills from Norman times to the 20th
century.

The manufacture of world famous Ovaltine, from 1913
to 2002.

A wealth of transport history – a Roman road, a
turnpike, the M25, the Grand Union Canal, the
Stephensons' railway to Birmingham and beyond.

Details of the Society's activities and membership
are given overleaf.