

# Farewell to dedicated historian

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## **A man, who dedicated his life to preserving local history, has died.**

Frank Davies passed away on Saturday, aged 71.

Chairman of Kings Langley Local History and Museum Society for 10 years and a director of Dacorum Heritage Trust, Mr Davies was proactive in encouraging an interest in local heritage.

A beloved father-of-three and grandfather, Mr Davies had enjoyed a multi-faceted 30-year career with Kodak, prior to pursuing his passion for history.

His early retirement allowed him to indulge an interest in local history that he had held since childhood.

During his decade as chairman, the Kings Langley society grew to a membership of more than 200.

The thriving organisation has had several books published, a number of artefacts added to the Heritage Trust's collection and an impressive interactive Kings Langley website established.

Fellow society member and friend, Alan Penwarden, said: "Frank was a very proactive chairman. He led us on various new challenges that have been very valuable to the society.

"He was very encouraging and he helped people from all over the world who got in touch with the website looking for information on their ancestors, who once lived in Kings Langley.

"Frank was a very calm man, who didn't get flustered by anything and he was very good with people. He will be sadly missed."

Mr Davies, of Watford Road, Kings Langley, died in hospital after contracting pneumonia and leaves behind Paul, Helen and Anne and his partner, Lynne Haynes.

His funeral service will be held at All Saints Church in Kings Langley at 11.30am on Friday, January 25.

Donations in lieu of flowers should be made to Kings Langley Museum, All Saints Church or the National Blood Service c/o A&C Tadman Funeral Directors.

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