



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the community of Sevenoaks

January 2019

A Message from Sevenoaks Town Mayor

Happy New Year!

If 2018 is anything to go by, Sevenoaks will be an exciting place to be this year.

Many of you have told me how much they enjoyed the Christmas Lights and the Switch-on event featuring Strictly's Ian Waite.

The Pantomime season offered a dazzling production of Dick Whittington at the Stag and ticket sales were very strong as always.

The Mayor is fortunate to be invited to many events and in particular on Christmas Day, my wife and I enjoyed visiting patients and staff at Sevenoaks Hospital and then spending lunch with the wonderful people at Age UK in Hollybush Close. It was heart-warming to see so many staff and volunteers supporting the patients and elderly residents of Sevenoaks on that special day.

2018 marked the sad loss of Sevenoaks' first Freeman and past Mayor, John London. Many will acknowledge his nearly six decades of service to the community as a member of the Urban District Council, Town Council and County Council as exemplifying the very best of community spirit in Sevenoaks. An example to us all, his kindness and gentle humour will be missed.

In the Spring, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association invites the Mayor to participate in a guided walk. Everyone who has had this experience reports a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by the blind when going about their normal business. For councillors, that knowledge is particularly helpful. Additionally, this year I will experience a "Deaf Walk", which will also be enlightening.

Alice's Arc and the Sevenoaks Powerchair Football Club charities are being supported by a fundraising Fire Walk at the Vine on February 2nd. I will be the first Mayor of Sevenoaks to participate. If you would like to join in, please register via osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk. In any case, please come along and show your support by cheering on the brave souls or soles who walk across the coals.

Sevenoaks is an ancient Market town and the Town Council is proud to manage the Wednesday and Saturday markets. The Mayor and Mayoress are regular customers. If you see us, please come over and say "Hello".



Please consider donating
to the Sevenoaks Mayor's
Fund.



 **Sevenoaks
TOWN council**

FANCY WALKING ON FIRE FOR CHARITY?

**Saturday 2nd February
Vine Gardens, Dartford Road
Sevenoaks, TN13 3UH**

In aid of...

 **Alice's ARC** &  **SEVENOAKS MAYOR'S FUND**

Stalls from 4:00pm - Firewalk at 5:10pm

For further information or to take part in the event please contact
Sevenoaks Town Council
osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or call on 01732 459953

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Sevenoaks Business Awards

On Friday 14th September, local businesses came together to celebrate the Sevenoaks Town Partnership's Annual Business Awards. Dressed in their finest, nominees, sponsors and dignitaries attended the black tie event at Knole Academy.

The following results were awarded:

Independent Retailer of the Year Award

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Winner – Sevenoaks Bookshop
Second – The Chocolate Shop
Third – Devine on Dorset Street

National Chain Retailer

Sponsored by **Wildernes House, Pegasus Life**

Winner – Wagamama
Second – Neal's Yard Remedies
Third – Waitrose

Apprentice of the Year

Sponsored by **KCC Cllr Margaret Crabtree**

Winner – Samantha Tilley from Lakeview Accountants
Runners Up – Ben Tompkins from Specsavers and Rebecca Schreur from F M Conway

New Business

Sponsored by **Sevenoaks District Council**

Winner – Brisket & Barrel
Joint Second – Sevenoaks Sports Magazine and Reuthe's Nursery
Third – My Sevenoaks Community



Customer Choice

Sponsored by **Specsavers** and voted by the public

Winner – Dulce's Patisserie
Second – Brisket & Barrel
Third – My Sevenoaks Community

Micro enterprise of the Year

Sponsored by **Sevenoaks & District Chamber of Commerce**

Winner – Sevenoaks Sports Magazine
Second – My Sevenoaks Community
Third – Bradshaw & Sons Ltd

Judge's Choice

Sponsored by **Warners Solicitors**

Winner – Sevenoaks Round Table

Congratulations to all our winners and nominees for the Business Awards 2018!

First Prize Winners received a coveted hand carved acorn and bottle of champagne and will be able to have a free advert for six months on the Sevenoaks Town Partnership's Information Screen located at the mainline station.

Sevenoaks In Bloom 2018

Sevenoaks Town Council is delighted to announce its success this year and thanks all of the volunteers, partners and staff who have made this possible.

Vine Gardens	Gold
Town Centre	Gold
Upper High St Gardens	Silver Gilt
Cemetery	Silver
Sevenoaks Common	Silver



OPEN DAY
Bat & Ball Station
16th February 2019 10am-12pm

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE STATION
HIRING FACILITIES | VOLUNTEERING
CAFÉ OPEN | FREE ART ACTIVITIES

batandballstation.com
heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Sevenoaks Town Council's Number 8 bus and Vintage Bus WIN the Transport

Planning Society's People's Choice Award!



Two local bus services operated by Sevenoaks Town Council, Route 8 and the Vintage Bus, have overcome stiff competition from across the UK to win the inaugural People's Award, announced by the Transport Planning Society on 10th October 2018.

The Award recognises the most significant transport planning initiatives of the year. The organisers invited communities to demonstrate how transport planning projects, whatever they might be, had made a positive impact in their local area.

Working with Go Coach Ltd the Vintage Bus Service, established in 2011, has been a hit with Sevenoaks locals as well as tourists. The circular route takes in local landmarks including the National Trust property Knole, The Stag theatre and cinema, The Vine, and Blighs shopping centre.

Meanwhile, the No 8 bus service again working with Go Coach Ltd – available free of charge for 11-18-year-olds – now attracts thousands of passengers every year, and

supports older people struggling with loneliness.

Councillor Richard Parry, Leader of the Majority Group at Sevenoaks Town Council, said: "These bus routes are part of a large range of measures we have put in place to improve connectivity for Sevenoaks residents, and attract new people to the town. We have been delighted to see both initiatives prove so popular, and this recognition confirms that our work has been worthwhile."

Lynda Addison OBE, Chair of the Transport Planning Society, said: "We're delighted with the wide range of entries we received from communities across the UK. It was very hard to reach a final shortlist and the calibre of submissions was good. The whole process – from judging to the final winner – sends a positive message to professionals about what is important to communities in terms of transport and best practice in community engagement in transport planning. This award recognises the projects and initiatives that have made a genuine contribution to improving people's accessibility, quality of life and wellbeing and have made such a huge difference to their local communities."

During 2019 the No 8 bus route will be extended to Offord Road to enable passengers easier access to Aldi and Sainsbury's.



Here is a selection of events taking place in the Sevenoaks Town area during February.
Source www.mysevenoakscommunity.com

Rock Choir

Every Tuesday, 8pm-9.30pm
Vine Baptist Church, Park Lane,
TN13 3UP

If you love to sing, you'll love Rock Choir! Pop, rock and chart singing for adults and teenagers. No auditions and no need to read music. Book a free taster session and experience Rock Choir and everything it is has to offer, friendship, fun and laughter.
www.rockchoir.com

Breast Cancer Support Group

Every Tuesday, 10.30am-12 noon
House in the Basement Youth Café

Quiz Night

Every Wednesday, 8.30-10.30pm
The Chequers, 73 High Street,
TN13 1LD

Break up the working week, gather your friends & family and flex your intellect at The Chequers' Quiz Night. Always a good night with a friendly atmosphere.
www.chequerssevenoaks.co.uk

Volunteer Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd February, 10.30am-12.30pm
Knole (Sat Nav TN13 1HU)

Interested in joining the team of volunteers at Knole? Join the coffee morning to find out more whether you are interested in being a guide, leading park walks or helping with school visits
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knole

Lunchtime Book Club

Wednesday 6th February, 12.30pm-1.30pm
Sevenoaks Bookshop, 147 High St,
TN13 1XJ

A regular Book Club to discuss the chosen books and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Bookshop café. This meeting will discuss Muriel Spark's *Ballad of Peckham Rye*.
www.sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk

Taste of Classics

Wednesday 6th February, 8.30pm
The Stag Theatre, London Road,
TN13 1ZZ

A great evening out kicking off with a complimentary glass of wine followed by a concert including Mendelssohn's *Midsummer Night's Dream* and Faure's beautiful *Pavane*. Darrell Davison brings the music to life with a short introduction to each piece. The perfect antidote to any wintry weather! Tickets £10.
www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk

Volunteer Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th February, 10.30am-12.30pm
Knole
See 2nd February for details.



Functions & Facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for the financial year 2018/2019 is £1,088,593 per year equivalent to £114.95 per Band D House.

- ALLOTMENTS:
*Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall*
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING
batandballstation.com
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITTAINS COMMON
- BRITTAINS LANE WOOD
- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- BUSINESS HUB (former Red Cross Building)
- BUS SHELTERS (Dartford Road x2, St John's Hill x3, Bradbourne Vale Road x1, London Road x4, Seal Road x1, Tonbridge Road x1)
- CHRISTMAS TOWN ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTTEES (Planning, Highways, etc.)
- FREE SUMMER CONCERTS/VINE BAND-STAND
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HANGING BASKETS
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ
- HORSE TROUGHS (Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- JUBILEE CLOCK (Old Market House)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- LAND AT:
*Letterbox Lane
Littlewood
Tonbridge Road*
- LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS
- MARKETS (Wednesday and Saturday)
- MASTERPLAN FOR NORTHERN SEVENOAKS
- MIDDLEINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- ORBITAL NO 8 BUS
- PLANTERS (The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane)
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PUBLIC TOILETS (The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns)
- RALEYS CAR PARK
- RALEYS & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
- SPORTS PITCHES
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
sevenoakstownpartnership.wordpress.com
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
stagsevenoaks.co.uk
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND, POUND LANE
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES/CHAMBER
Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.
- TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS
- VINE GARDENS
Public Toilet, Telephone Kiosk with defibrillator
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION
(including Tea Kiosk)
- VINE CAFÉ cafeonthevine.com
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL
sevenoaksyouthcouncil.com

Town Councillors 2015-2019

NAME	PARTY	NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD		ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat	Cllr M A Chakowa	Conservative
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative
KIPPINGTON WARD		TOWN WARD	
Cllr A Eyre	Conservative	Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative	Cllr E Parson	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative	Cllr O Schneider	Conservative
NORTHERN WARD		WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative	Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative	To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format:: Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk eg. to contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be: Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk	
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The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Monday evenings at 7pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details of the meetings please contact the Town Council Offices on 01732 459953.

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