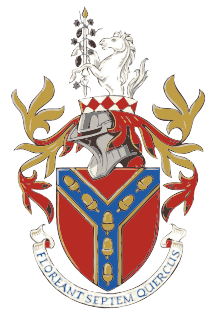


Dates for
your diary:
find out
what's on **2**

Christmas in
Sevenoaks:
lights, parties
and more! **4-5**

Sevenoaks
CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Rent a hot
desk at the
Business
Hub **7**



SEVENOAKS Town Crier

News and information from Sevenoaks Town Council

Winter 2025/2026

Town Council seeks to protect community spaces



As plans progress for Local Government Reorganisation, the Town Council wants to protect the community assets that make Sevenoaks such a wonderful town.

Sevenoaks District Council will be disbanded and merged into a new Unitary Authority covering several districts. The Town Council is concerned about the future of the community assets the District Council currently operates. The default position is that these would move to the Unitary Authority.

The Town Council believes that key local assets would be best owned and managed locally. It has so far provided Expressions of Interest to the District Council for the transfer of: the Stag (pictured), Hollybush Recreation Ground, Land at Bradbourne Vale Road, Land and Market Rights in the High Street, St John's Hill Car Park, St James Road Car Park, Bradbourne Lakes (pictured) and The Shambles. The Town Council is now preparing business cases outlining reasons and intentions for acquiring these sites.

STAG THEATRE

Sevenoaks District Council officers initially recommended giving the Town Council a 100-year lease for the Stag,

but the Town Council is seeking the freehold to ensure the community retains this cultural facility.

The Town Council has exciting plans for the Stag, but with only the lease, any improvements would need permission. The Unitary Authority could also demand a rent that makes the Stag operationally unviable. The proposed lease also excludes the vital car parking area.

At a recent Sevenoaks District Council Cabinet meeting, Councillors were in favour of transferring the freehold to the Town Council. The District and Town

Council are now working together to address any concerns from the auditor.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We want to hear whether residents think certain community assets should be moved to the Town Council. Complete our survey via the QR code, on our website or at the Town Council office.



SEVENOAKS
Town Crier

3 Message from the Mayor of Sevenoaks

4 - 5 Christmas guide

6 - 10 Council news:

- 6 Masterplans for Sevenoaks
- 6 Have your say on corner protections
- 6 Lilia's Kitchen
- 7 Commemorative plaques
- 7 Rent a hot desk at Sevenoaks Business Hub
- 7 Annual Town Public Meeting
- 8 Playground upgrades
- 8 Greatness Pavilion
- 8 Forget-me-not Cafés
- 8 Thermal camera
- 9 Chatter & Natter table
- 9 Grant funding
- 10 Oast House community hub
- 10 Green future at Bat & Ball Centre

11 What's on at the Stag

12 - 13 Town Team news

14 Youth news and events

16 Guide to Town Council services and facilities

Winter 2025/2026

Come along to Sevenoaks Markets on Wednesdays in the High Street 8am to 2pm, and Saturdays in the High Street and Bligh's Walk 9am to 4pm.

November

9 November

Remembrance Day Parade and Service
Vine War Memorial

Everyone is invited to attend this memorial event at 10:50am.

29 November

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Town Centre

A fun, family-friendly event from 3pm to 5:30pm, with live music, stage entertainment, fairground rides, Santa's Grotto, stalls and food. **See page 4.**



December

2 December

Bob Ogley's Knole Park Book Launch Fundraising Event

Knole House

Follow us on social media or check out our events webpage for more information soon. **See page 3.**

5 December

Holly Party

Bat & Ball Centre

An evening of festive fun from 7:30pm to 11pm. Dance, mingle, and enjoy delicious treats. Big band Jonah's Wail will be making the party rock. **See page 4.**



11 - 24 December

Sevenoaks Christmas Market

Bligh's Walk

Buy Christmas gifts, decorations and more at this festive market.

See page 4.



February

7 February

Mayor's Fundraising Quiz Night

Bat & Ball Centre

Quiz night will start at 7pm. Tickets are £17 and include dinner. All proceeds go to the Mayor's nominated charities, Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and Citizens Advice. To book or for more information, email office@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or visit our website.

March

9 March

Annual Town Public Meeting

Bat & Ball Centre

Have your say on matters relating to Sevenoaks Town at the Annual Town Public Meeting. **See page 7.**

19 March

Mayor's Charity Concert

Stag

Keep an eye on our social media and events webpage for more information soon.

For updates, follow us on Instagram or Facebook, or visit our website:

Instagram: [sevenoakstowncouncil](https://www.instagram.com/sevenoakstowncouncil)

Facebook: [SevenoaksTC](https://www.facebook.com/SevenoaksTC)

Website: www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Read the latest news from our Town Clerk



Our Town Clerk, Linda Larter MBE, has a regular newsletter to share all the latest news and events at Sevenoaks Town Council.

Visit www.tinyurl.com/stctownclerk to subscribe to the newsletter or scan the QR code.



Mayor applauds voluntary initiatives and looks ahead to busy festive season

Cllr Tony Clayton
Mayor of Sevenoaks



As I write this, it seems early to think about Christmas, but decorations are already in the shops. Sevenoaks Town Council is planning the great Christmas Lights Switch-On for Saturday 29 November. We are repeating last year's success to make it a family-friendly afternoon event (see page 4).

The High Street will be closed after lunch to allow safe pedestrian shopping. There will be stalls and entertainment in the town centre. Then, just as it gets dark, I pop up with our stage entertainers and turn the lights on. With luck, you might catch sight of Father Christmas. Don't miss it.

It's a long time since the summer programme on The Vine, with 13 concerts and 25 events drawing thousands of visitors. Sevenoaks Street Food Festival (see page 13) and the final bandstand concerts were brilliant.

Three of the most impressive events I've been invited to recently were run



(Above) Mayor and Mayoress at Sevenoaks Literary Festival with author Sita Brahmachari and (left) Mayor takes part in Guide Dogs awareness initiative.



by volunteers. These and many other volunteer and charitable groups are what make Sevenoaks such a special place to live:

- The tenth anniversary of Forget-me-not Cafés, which run in seven different locations each month to give those living with dementia and their carers a place to socialise and meet new people (see page 8).
- Sevenoaks Literary Festival, which opened with a schools event at Sevenoaks Primary, with award winning children's author, Sita Brahmachari, who was inspired to write by her childhood in the Lake District.
- Walking blindfolded down Sevenoaks High Street on a busy Thursday morning with Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, first with a white cane, then with Monty, a very friendly black Labrador cross guide dog, which was much less terrifying.

Three weeks ago, I was privileged to take part in the 350th birthday of a Sevenoaks charity set up by Lady Margaret Boswell to support a school for

the very poorest students. The whole of Lady Boswell's School was in Rochester Cathedral to hear how free education came to Sevenoaks 200 years before most of England. That's a huge and lasting legacy.

Another historical record I'm proud to support is Bob Ogley's new book on the history of Knole Park. Many histories have been written about Knole House and the people who lived in it, but the Park is older still. It has shaped Sevenoaks for centuries, and still does.

Bob, who was editor of Sevenoaks Chronicle for many years, lived as a youngster within 200 yards of the park, so knows most of the last 70 years first-hand.

I plan to sponsor a talk by Bob on 2 December at 4pm, in the Orangery at Knole, to help support local charities Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust and Sevenoaks Citizens Advice. Come along and buy the book as a Christmas present - even if it's for yourself!

For more news, read my Mayor's blog. Find it at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk on the Mayor of Sevenoaks webpage or scan the QR code.



Join us at the magical Sevenoaks switch-on!

Come along to our Christmas Lights Switch-On event in Sevenoaks on **Saturday 29 November**.

Following the success of last year's earlier switch-on, this fun community event will be from **3pm to 5:30pm**. The Mayor of Sevenoaks will switch on the lights in Sevenoaks High Street at 4.30pm. Please note, the High Street



and part of Akehurst Lane will be closed from 1:30pm to 7pm.

Made in Kent Radio will be our comperes for the event again this year. We will have plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained. You can enjoy stage entertainment, including from Frozen's Elsa, Anna and Olaf (pictured), fairground rides, Santa's Grotto, gift stalls, food and drink, as well as street entertainment.

Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon full of festive cheer. For more information, visit www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

A huge thank you to our star level sponsors:



Sevenoaks Christmas Market

Buy Christmas gifts, decorations and more at your local Christmas market.

11 – 24 December
9am to 4pm



Bligh's Walk, Sevenoaks, TN13 1DB

For more information, visit www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Sevenoaks town council



DJ | LIVE MUSIC | BUFFET | BAR | FUN

HOSTED BY
SEVENOAKS TOWN TEAM

HOLLY Party

18+

JOIN US AT SEVENOAKS BIG SHARED CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025 | 7.30PM-11PM

BAT & BALL CENTRE, CRAMPTONS ROAD, TN14 5DN

with great dance music from **BIG band, Jonah's Wail**

Book here



Tickets just £27.50 (+ booking fee)
Contact townteam@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or phone 01732 459953



Which design will light up Sevenoaks?

We were delighted to receive a fantastic array of creative artwork from talented young people aged 11 and under for our Design a Christmas Light competition. Thank you to everyone who took the time to create a design.

One of these drawings will be brought to life as the winner is transformed into a Christmas light, proudly displayed in Sevenoaks.

We will announce the winner soon on our social media, so keep an eye out!

Thank you to Knocker & Foskett, as well as the Youth Services Committee, for sponsoring this initiative.



See West End stars in Aladdin panto at Stag

Silly Billy and Dame Elaine Staige will be back at the Stag this Christmas for a new version of Aladdin. The show runs from 12 December 2025 to 4 January 2026.

They will be joined by a cast of West End stars: Courtney Stapleton (Beauty and the Beast, Six), Jordan Fox who will play the evil Abanazar (Frozen, The Rocky Horror Show), James Lim playing Aladdin (Clueless The Musical, Disney's Aladdin) and Billie Hardy (The Time Traveller's Wife, Chicago).

To find out more about the story of Aladdin and to book tickets, visit www.sevenoakspanto.com



Enjoy Christmas events at Hospice in the Weald

29 - 30 November Christmas Market

Explore Hospice in the Weald's Christmas Market, 10am - 4pm at the hospice in Pembury. You can also book to see Santa.

29 November - 4 December Christmas wreath making workshops

From beginners to experts, all are welcome at these workshops at the Hospice in the Weald Christmas Market on 29 and 30 November, and also on 2, 3 and 4 December at the hospice. Materials are provided, as well as light refreshments.

21 December Carols at Christmas

An occasion for all the family, with music, readings and performances at the Chapel of St Augustine, Tonbridge School. Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir are back creating Christmas magic.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start and 8pm finish. Afterwards, join for a complimentary drink and mince pie.

Find out more and book

For more information and to book tickets, visit their website at www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk or call 01892 820533.



All proceeds help to fund the free care and support Hospice in the Weald offers to adults and children in our community facing life-limiting illness.

Masterplans provide vision for Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks Town Council recently consulted the community on draft masterplans for the Town Centre and St John's Hill Area. Thank you to everyone who gave us their views. Our consultants are now reviewing the draft plans in line with community feedback.

The final masterplans will go through the Town Council's committee structure (Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan/Masterplans Working Group, then the Planning & Environment Committee, then the Full Council) before adoption.

The aim is that these plans will be used to guide and inform future development proposals to deliver holistic improvements, supported by residents.

Find out more on our website on the Consultations and Projects page at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Have your say on proposed corner protections

Although it isn't the Local Highway Authority, Sevenoaks Town Council often receives community requests for more double yellow lines, particularly corner protections, on various roads.

The Highway Code stipulates that cars may not park within 10 metres of a junction or bend on the grounds that it obstructs visibility, so the proposed double yellow lines would solely enforce existing restrictions.

The Town Council has consolidated a list of proposed corner protection locations, and we are now seeking residents' views before pursuing a formal Traffic Regulation Order.

Take a look at the consultation details, a map of proposed locations and justifications, and have your say on the Consultations page of our website www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk or scan the QR code to find the survey.



Discover Lilia's Kitchen at Bat & Ball Station

Have you visited Lilia's Kitchen, now serving delicious food at Bat & Ball Café at the Station?

passion grew into a lifelong love of creating dishes that bring people together.

For more information and opening hours, see page 9.

Lilia's Kitchen has teamed up with Tom from Crave the Crunch, to bring you irresistible pastries and bread fresh from the oven. Perfect with your morning coffee, or to take away on your commute.

Lilia serves café classics, along with Malagasy dishes - a blend of French, African, Indian, and Malaysian influences. In Madagascar, food is at the heart of family life, and from a young age, Lilia learned to cook with her grandmother. That early



On-street hourly rental

Free two years' membership (usually £60/yr)

Plus get £20 driving credit* for Sevenoaks residents

Quote offer code: SEVENOAKS20



*First two years' annual plan membership FREE (usually and thereafter £60/yr). £20 driving credit valid for 90 days and excluding mileage, applied once application is approved. For Sevenoaks residents only. Offer valid until 30/12/2026. 10% off Enterprise Rent-A-Car is valid for UK and Ireland reservations only. For full terms and conditions, please visit www.EnterpriseCarClub.co.uk/tc1. ©2024 Enterprise Car Club. N01998. 07.25. EB

*(Left) Bob Ogley
and Mayor of
Sevenoaks Cllr Tony
Clayton by the Vine
plaque and (above)
Headmistress Louise
Chamberlain
by the plaque at
Walthamstow Hall.*

Want to rent a hot desk at Sevenoaks Business Hub?

Annual Town Public Meeting



Please submit any questions you would like to ask the Town Council by Wednesday 4 March. Send your questions to council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Exciting plans for new and improved play areas

The Town Council is upgrading two existing play areas: Buckhurst Lane, with an investment of £25,000, and Kippington Meadow, where £5,000 has been allocated.

Following the Town Council's lease renewal of Buckhurst Play Area, the Town Council can now invest in much-needed improvements. The surface area under the zip wire has been replaced, we are repairing current play equipment and we are also installing new pieces, including a seesaw

and springers. The park recently suffered vandalism with fences being damaged, but these have now been replaced. We hope the community will enjoy the renovated play area.

At Greatness Recreation Ground, £250,000 has been earmarked for a new, relocated play area, planned for 2026.

A playground design featuring improved accessibility will soon undergo public consultation. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information about the consultation soon.

Works start on Greatness Community Sports Pavilion

Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks Town Football Club are working in partnership to deliver an exciting new community sports pavilion at Greatness Recreation Ground, and construction has now begun. The project is due to be completed by August 2026.

This £2m+ project aims to bring economic, social, and environmental benefits to the local community.

The project has been funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation, Premier League Stadium Fund, Sevenoaks Town Football Club, Sevenoaks Town Council, and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions.

The pavilion will include modern changing rooms, a kitchen, small gym, as well as a café and refreshment areas.



Offset Architects' image of new pavilion

Forget-me-not Cafés charity celebrates 10-year anniversary

Forget-me-not Cafés charity has provided support for people with dementia, and their carers, for 10 years. They celebrated their anniversary with a fantastic event at the Bat & Ball Centre in September with music, dancing and afternoon tea.

The Forget-me-not Cafés charity organises monthly events for people with dementia, as well as their carers, ranging from talks, music and fun quizzes.

Founded in 2015, the organisation now has events in Sevenoaks, Hildenborough, Westerham, Otford and Edenbridge.

At the anniversary celebration, Chair of the charity, Elaine Murray, thanked volunteers for their amazing contributions over the years.

Sevenoaks Town Council

manages monthly Forget-me-not Cafés events at Bat & Ball Station on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December).

For more information, visit our events page at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Detect heat loss in your home

Sevenoaks Town residents can borrow a thermal imaging camera to help identify cold and damp spots, and where heat is being lost within your home.

Our thermal imaging cameras can be borrowed by Sevenoaks Town residents at no charge; we will just charge a late fee if the camera is not returned at the agreed time.

For more information and to book the camera, visit our website at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

For any queries, please email the Town Council at council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Come along to our Chatter & Natter table at Bat & Ball

Are you looking for connection and conversation? Come along to our Chatter & Natter table on **Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3pm** at **Lilia's Kitchen in Bat & Ball Station**, Bat and Ball Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5AP. This has moved

from Café on the Vine, where our volunteers hosted the table during the summer.

If you fancy a friendly chat or know someone who might benefit from a welcoming space, this is a simple way to connect with others. Join us for a cup of tea for 10 minutes or stay for 90 minutes of good conversation.

The table is run by volunteers and is part of The Chatty Café Scheme.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email communityeng@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

For more information, visit thechattycafescheme.co.uk



CAFÉ AT THE STATION

BAT & BALL

Lilia's Kitchen

Bat and Ball Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5AP

Opening hours
Monday to Friday - 7:00 to 17:00
Saturday - 10:00 to 17:00

Serving English breakfast, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, samosa wraps, curries and more! Bread and pastries are freshly baked everyday.



Funding available for voluntary or charitable organisations making a difference in Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks Town Council is inviting applications from local voluntary or charitable organisations to receive grant funding. This is a valuable opportunity to support, expand or launch projects.

Sevenoaks Town Council recognises the vital role that voluntary and charitable organisations play in supporting the community. By providing this funding, Sevenoaks Town Council aims to promote new initiatives where real additional benefits are offered to the community.

WHO CAN APPLY?

These grants are available to organisations that:

- Provide services that will directly benefit the area and residents of Sevenoaks Town wards: Town, Kippington, St Johns, Eastern, Wildernesse and Northern
- Are independently established for charitable, benevolent, or philanthropic purposes
- Have a written document setting out aims and objectives.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for our next round of grants must be submitted by **Friday 9 January 2026**. These will be reviewed in February 2026.

HOW TO APPLY

You can download the application form and guidance notes from our website at www.tinyurl.com/STCgrants

Interested organisations can also email council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk and ask for an application form.

GRANTS AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Sevenoaks Town Council is pleased to have supported the following organisations with grants in September 2025:

- Baby Umbrella: £1,000
- Sevenoaks Counselling: £1,500
- Citizens Advice, North West Kent: £500
- Sevenoaks in a Time of Change, Portraits of the Artists: £500
- Hi Kent: £1,000
- Sevenoaks (Loaves & Fishes) Foodbank: £1,000
- Home Start South West Kent: £500
- Sevenoaks PHAB: £400
- PS Breastfeeding CIC: £500
- West Kent Mind: £1,500
- Sevenoaks Three Arts, Young Musician of the Year: £650.

We look forward to supporting further important community initiatives in our next grant round.

Plans progress for new community hub at Oast House on Tarmac site

Sevenoaks Town Council has completed a Feasibility Study exploring the future of the historic Oast House on Farm Road, in the northern ward of Sevenoaks. It has long been the Town Council's ambition that this Oast House is restored and refurbished as a vibrant community hub and integrated with the rest of the town.

The Oast House sits on the 280-acre site of Sevenoaks Sand Quarry, owned by Tarmac. This area was first quarried in 1928, and sand extraction is due to cease in 2030.

Plans for the building include three community rooms, a kiosk/café and both internal and external toilets.

This new community facility will be particularly important given the planned residential development on the quarry site. The building will look to address needs of new residents in the area, help strengthen relationships, foster a sense of belonging and build community spirit.

The Oast House renovation project aims to protect local heritage, enhance the local community development, and enable sustainable community use of the building.

The Feasibility Study has been submitted to Tarmac as a

(Right) current Oast House and (below) Theis and Khan Architects sketch of proposed renovation



formal request for the transfer of the Oast House's freehold to Sevenoaks Town Council.

Read the Feasibility Study on the Town Council website at www.tinyurl.com/stcconsultationsandprojects

Powering a green future at Bat & Ball Centre

Sevenoaks Town Council has secured a £20,000 grant from the West Kent Rural Grant Scheme and Rural England Prosperity Fund to support the installation of solar batteries at the Bat & Ball Centre on Crampton's Road.

The Bat & Ball Centre is a community hub that supports a diverse mix of daytime and evening activities. It hosts events including weddings, meetings, conferences and classes.

The solar batteries will store excess energy produced from the centre's solar panels and make use of cheaper overnight tariffs. This will enhance the building's energy efficiency and sustainability.

This initiative is part of the Town Council's Green Community Investment Plan, demonstrating our commitment to environmentally responsible projects that benefit the local area.

Visit our website at www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk for information about hiring the Bat & Ball Centre.



Follow Sevenoaks Town Council to keep updated

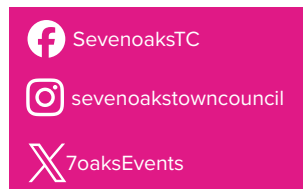
The best way to stay up to date with the latest news in your neighbourhood is by following Sevenoaks Town Council on social media.

We regularly post about free community events, consultations and updates on exciting projects happening near you.

there's always something going on. Following Sevenoaks Town Council means you won't miss out on the things that matter to you and your family.

You can also subscribe to receive a regular newsletter from our Town Clerk, Linda Larter MBE. To subscribe, scan the QR code or visit www.tinyurl.com/stctownclerk

FOLLOW US AT:



From markets and festivals to community programs and volunteer opportunities,



SCAN HERE

STAGE • SCREEN • COMMUNITY

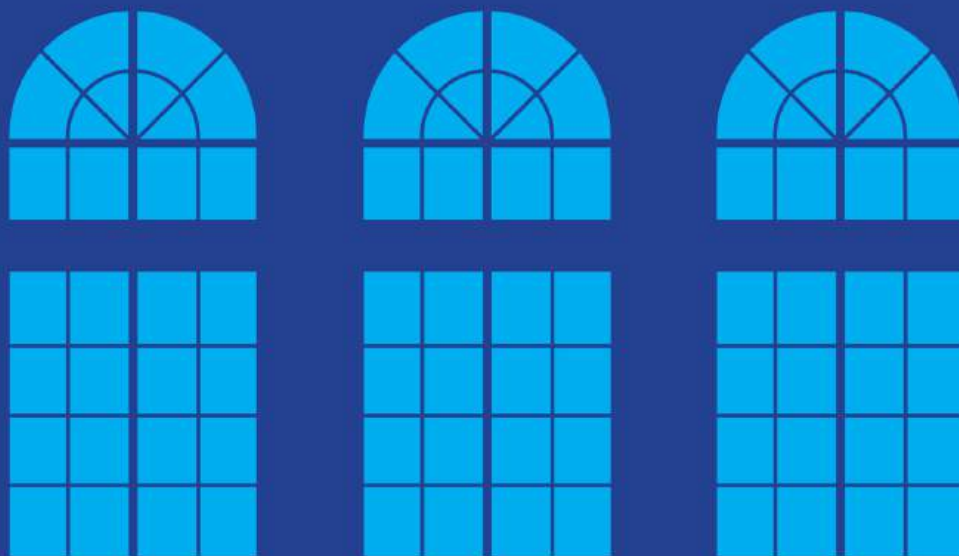
THE STAG IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHARITY

Box Office 01732 450175

www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk



SEARCH STAG SEVENOAKS



WHAT'S ON STAGE

COMEDY - HARRIET DYER & SPECIAL GUEST
GIVE ME MOORE (GARY MOORE TRIBUTE)
BUBLÉ BY CANDLELIGHT
ELECTRIK LIVE ORCHESTRA
OH WHAT A NIGHT! 'TIS THE SEASONS
THE FIZZ - A NEW ERA



WHAT'S ON SCREEN

ALL THE LATEST NEW RELEASES INCLUDING:
THE CHORAL - STARRING RALPH FIENNES
WICKED: FOR GOOD
AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH

STAG SELECT:
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: THE FIFTH STEP
ANDRÉ RIEU'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
THE ROYAL BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER

WITH NEW EVENTS ADDED REGULARLY AND THE CINEMA SCHEDULE UPDATED EVERY WEEK

THE STAG SEVENOAKS, LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ



B1K

WIN FREE CINEMA TICKETS!

Present this voucher at The Stag's Box Office along with a valid theatre or cinema ticket to enter our monthly prize draw for a chance to win FREE cinema tickets!

Entries must be made in person. By entering the competition you agree to receive marketing communications from The Stag.

STAG
SEVENOAKS

Sevenoaks' favourite businesses take the spotlight

The Town Team hosts two of the most significant business events in Sevenoaks – the Business Show and the Business Awards. The Show is primarily a business-to-business event attracting around 30 exhibitors each year. The Business Awards is driven largely by the public, as customers and clients nominate businesses prior to their chosen enterprise submitting a detailed entry. This is then judged by a panel of local experts, this year from NFU Mutual, Specsavers, Barclays Bank, Go Coach and Warners, as well as Sevenoaks KCC Councillor, Sevenoaks Town Mayor, Sevenoaks District Councillor and Sevenoaks Town Council CEO/Town Clerk.

The public then swing back into action through the Customer Choice Award where they vote for their favourite. This year, there are 21 businesses competing for awards, and it is a measure of the public involvement that within the first 48 hours of the poll being open, over 1200 votes were cast. This is impressive for a town with a population of under

30,000 and given the poll is open for a fortnight!

The competition culminates in the Gala Awards Evening at the Bat & Ball Centre on 14 November, where this year, our speaker is Jenny Ryan, better known as “The Vixen” from TV’s “The Chase”, supported by local favourite magician, Bob Pound.



Have your say on how to improve health in Sevenoaks



A health and wellness initiative is being developed to find ways to raise the overall health and wellness of Sevenoaks residents.

It's not just a drive to send people to gyms and take up an active life – though those would be good outcomes – but also to help with health screening, diets and social life.

A survey has been running to find out what people want in this respect and to understand the barriers preventing the community from enjoying better health. At this time, the greatest reported hindrances are time, cost and lack of motivation. The highest scoring remedies are health screening, family activities and fitness classes. Sports taster sessions, healthy cooking classes and wellbeing workshops then top the wish list. These themes will be developed by partners Sevenoaks Town Team and The Better Body Group, and a **Health & Wellness Fair** will take place on **30 May 2026** at The Vine. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Have your say on how to improve health and wellness in Sevenoaks by taking our short survey by scanning the QR code.



Who will win the best dressed Christmas window?

It won't be long before we see Sevenoaks' shop windows dressed for Christmas. True to the Town Team tradition, we'll be running a competition to find the best. This year's event is sponsored by Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce.

The secret to winning is not just having the most glitzy, tinsel-dressed window with online bought décor – we'll be looking for thoughtful, creative and original designs!

Take a look at the shops, offices, restaurants and cafés in Sevenoaks over the festive season to find your favourite. Keep an eye on the Town Council's website and social media to find out this year's winner.

(Below) Christmas window display at Dulce's Patisserie.



Flavours and fun on the Vine at Street Food Fest

Sevenoaks Street Food Festival was held on the Vine on a glorious September day. It turned out to be absolutely buzzing with a huge number of visitors, many

spilling out to watch the cricket, which was also taking place. Delicious food was on offer from all over the world, with something for everyone to enjoy.

There were also talented musicians and dancers entertaining the crowds throughout the afternoon.

Well done to everyone involved, especially organiser Caroline Druce-Smith for putting together such a marvellous and successful event.



Thackray Williams

We're only a stone's throw away

Our legal teams are experts in their field who solve problems, deliver the results you want to achieve and act with integrity. It's these qualities that define us and have built our reputation as a leading full-service law firm that cares.

- Corporate, Banking & Finance
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Family
- Wealth Planning
- Residential & Commercial Real Estate
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Wills, LPAs, Probate, Tax & Estate Administration

Contact our Sevenoaks office now to discuss your legal requirements on 01732 496 496 at 15 Pembroke Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1XR.

www.thackraywilliams.com

hello@thackraywilliams.com



(L-R) Andrew Raby, Senior Partner, Vikki Herbert, Joint Managing Partner and Nick Gabay, Corporate Partner.

Photo courtesy of Paul Burgess Photography.

Chill nights and study help at HitB youth café

Over the last few months at House in the Basement (HitB) youth café, there's been a Girl's Pamper Night and Open Mic Night, as well as the usual fun and games.

The next Open Mic Night will be on Friday 5 December, see below.

Sevenoaks Youth Council play a key role at HitB, and now some Youth Councillors are running peer mentoring on Friday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. They are providing homework help and exam preparation for free! No booking is needed.

Young people aged 11-17 can visit HitB to enjoy a free, fun and welcoming space. Over the holidays, HitB will be closed on 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31 December, and 1 January.

Follow HitB on social media to keep up-to-date:

 [HouseintheBasement](https://www.facebook.com/HouseintheBasement)
 [hitb_youth_cafe](https://www.instagram.com/hitb_youth_cafe)





FREE youth café for ages 11-17
Your space to relax & have fun

Opening hours: 

Tuesday (SEN Club):	5 - 8 PM
Wednesday:	4 - 8 PM
Friday:	4 - 8 PM
Saturday:	2 - 8 PM

(During school holidays we open at 2 pm instead of 4 pm)
House in the Basement is **FREE** to attend.

FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES

 @HouseintheBasement
 @hitb_youth_cafe
 @houseinthebasement

 Video games
 Free Wi-Fi
 Info & support
 Chess & board games
 Chill out zone
 3 in 1 games table (pool, air hockey & table tennis) & darts
 Level up lounge & gaming PCs
 Food & drink £3.50 meal deal



Scan me to view our website

VISIT US!

In the Basement of the Stag Community Arts Centre,
London Road, TN13 1ZZ
(Along the walkway between the Stag & South Park Car Park)

What3Words: Actual.Covers.Intervals
 info@houseinthebasement.co.uk
 01732 466 593







OPEN MIC NIGHT!



FOR AGES 11-17

FRIDAY 5TH DEC
5:30-7:30 PM

NO NEED TO BOOK
FREE PIZZA FOR PERFORMERS!
PREFER TO CHILL? ENJOY OUR £3.50 MEAL DEAL!

 **SCAN THE QR BELOW FOR THE MAP!** 

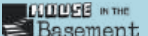


SCAN ME

WHERE: HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT YOUTH CAFÉ
LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ

WHAT3WORDS: ACTUAL.COVERS.INTERVALS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
DAREN MOUNTAIN, MANAGER OF HITB, AT:
MANAGER@HOUSEINTHEBASEMENT.CO.UK


 www.houseinthebasement.weebly.com
 [HouseintheBasement](https://www.facebook.com/HouseintheBasement)
 [hitb_youth_cafe](https://www.instagram.com/hitb_youth_cafe)

SEVENOAKS MUMS

How can we help you?



Are you a local business wanting to reach more people?
Join our online Business Directory

Are you a female business owner looking to make further connections?
Attend our monthly networking

Do you organise or run local events?
Add your event to our free calendar

Are you a parent looking for ideas and inspiration?
Sign up to our free weekly newsletter

www.sevenoaksmums.com

 [@sevenoaksmums](https://www.instagram.com/sevenoaksmums)

 [@Sevenoaks Mums](https://www.facebook.com/SevenoaksMums)

WE'RE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Having a local office means we're accessible, whether you need to make changes to your policy or make a claim.

We offer insurance products and financial planning services including:

- Car
- Tradesman
- Pensions and Investments
- Home
- Fleet
- Income Protection
- Business
- Commercial Vehicle
- Life and Critical Illness cover

For more information, contact NFU Mutual Sevenoaks and Meopham at sevenoaks&meopham@nfumutual.co.uk or speak to us

01732 496050 | 144 High Street, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1XE

01474 813 141 | Satellite House, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0QB



K Beer, R A Siggs, M B Griffin & A R Maclean is an appointed representative of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited (No. 111982). And an introducer to NFU Mutual Select Investments Limited, a member of the NFU Mutual group of companies.



**BERRY &
LAMBERTS**
SOLICITORS

We're right by you

We work as a team with our clients on a full range of business and individual legal matters to help them achieve the results they seek in their professional and personal lives.

www.berryandlamberts.co.uk



SEVENOAKS OFFICE - 01732 460565

First Floor, Hearts of Oak House, 4 Pembroke Road, Sevenoaks
Offices also at Tunbridge Wells and Paddock Wood





Functions & facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

Sevenoaks Town Council's total annual revenue budget for the 2025/26 financial year is £1,997,096. The average Band D household would pay £153.67 per year, equating to £2.96 per week.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

- Allotments:
 - Bradbourne Vale Road
 - Quaker's Hall Lane
- Bethel Road Burial Ground
- Brittains Common
- Brittains Lane Wood
- Greatness Recreation Ground
- The Green, Hillingdon Rise
- Hanging Baskets
- Horse Troughs (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road*)
- Judd's Piece
- Land at:
 - Letterbox Lane
 - Littlewood
 - Tonbridge Road
- Longspring Wood
- Muga (Multi Use Games Area)
- Middlings Wood
- Millpond Wood
- Planters (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- The Pound, Pound Lane
- Raley's Field & Knole Paddock
- Rheinbach Gardens
- Sevenoaks Common
- Sports Pitches
- Upper High Street Gardens
- Vine Cricket Ground & Pavilion



- Vine Gardens (*public toilet, telephone kiosk with defibrillator*)
- War Memorial
- White Hart Beeches
- Woodside Road Open Space

CAR PARKS

- Raleys Car Park

PLAY AREAS

- Buckhurst Lane Play Area
- Greatness Recreation Ground & Playground
- Hillingdon Rise Play Area
- Julians Meadow & Playground
- Kippington Meadow
- Mount Close Open Space & Playground
- Pontoise Close Open Space & Playground

SERVICES

- Bat & Ball Centre: *rooms available to hire for meetings, conferences etc.*
- Bat & Ball Station building including café: *rooms available to hire* batandballstation.com
- Business Hub
- Bus shelters (*Dartford Road X1, Bradbourne Vale Road X2, London Road X2, Tonbridge Road X1*)
- Café On The Vine cafeonthevine.com
- Consultees (*planning, highways, etc.*)
- Grants to local organisations
- Greatness Park Cemetery
- House in the Basement (HitB) Youth Café: *room available to hire* houseinthebasement.weebly.com
- Info-pods & digital screens
- Litter bins and grit bins
- Markets (*Wednesday and Saturday*)
- Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Orbital No 8 Bus
- Public clocks (*Jubilee Clock Old Market House and Warren Clock above Brewers*)
- Public seats in various locations
- Public toilets (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground*)
- Sevenoaks Town Team sevenoakspartnership.org
- Stag Community Arts Centre (*defibrillator in foyer*) stagsevenoaks.co.uk
- Street lights in some unadopted roads
- Town Council Offices/Chamber: *room available to hire for meetings, conferences etc.*
- Twinning with Pontoise and Rheinbach
- Youth Council sevenoaksyouthcouncil.weebly.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Christmas illuminations in Town
- Civic functions
- Vine Bandstand free concerts

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

- Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks TN13 3QG

Town Councillors 2023-2027

Name	Party	Name	Party
Eastern Ward		St Johns Ward	
Cllr L Ancrum	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr Dr P Dixon	Liberal Democrat
Cllr S Layne	Liberal Democrat	Cllr D Skinner OBE	Liberal Democrat
Kippington Ward		Town Ward	
Cllr C Daniell	Liberal Democrat	Cllr V Granville	Liberal Democrat
Cllr C Gustard	Liberal Democrat	Cllr L Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
Cllr N Varley	Liberal Democrat	Cllr G Willis	Liberal Democrat
Northern Ward		Wilderness Ward	
Cllr Dr M Canet	Liberal Democrat	Cllr N Wightman	Liberal Democrat
Cllr L O'Hara	Liberal Democrat	To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format: Cllr.Surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk eg. to contact Councillor Ancrum, the email address would be: CllrAncrum@sevenoakstown.gov.uk	
Cllr C Shea	Liberal Democrat		



Town Clerk/Chief Executive
Linda Larter MBE
townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk
Subscribe to Town Clerk's Update
at www.tinyurl.com/stctownclerk

RFO/Deputy Town Clerk
Georgina Jackson
rfo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Mondays at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details contact the Town Council on 01732 459953. council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk