



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

May 2016

Message from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Andrew Eyre

On being appointed Mayor of Sevenoaks, I am proud to be part of an organisation which adds so much happiness and positivity to the town. The Town Council continues to strive for bigger and better facilities for residents to enjoy living in our beautiful town of Sevenoaks. This year we rejuvenated the Vine Gardens with the Café on the Vine. It is becoming a centre of activity for Sevenoaks with bandstand music Thursday and Sunday throughout the Summer, Farmers and Christmas markets and after lighting the beacon to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday in April we will hold another celebration at Knole House for her official birthday on Sunday 12 June. We have built from scratch and opened the Buckhurst Play Area behind the leisure centre following a public request made at the last Town Meeting. We continue to develop the Town's markets aiming for the Council's commitment that Sevenoaks becomes the best market town in Kent.



This year we committed to building a new Bat & Ball Centre as part of the on-going support for the re-development of the Bat & Ball area. We extended our Christmas lights through the Hollybush shopping centre and to the businesses of St Johns and I look forward to the lighting ceremony there as Mayor later this year.

But during my civic year I would like to support an issue which has become close to our lives.

My wife was diagnosed with Type-2 diabetes six years ago. She controls the condition with medication, diet and exercise. We were both extremely interested in a research project being supported by Diabetes UK in Sevenoaks which aims to put Type-2 diabetes into remission – which would both improve the lifestyle of those affected as well as reducing the cost to the NHS.

There are 3.5m diagnosed diabetics in the UK, 90% of which are Type 2; a figure which has increased by 150% in the last 20 years. In our town there are more than 1,100 registered type-2 diabetics – that's around 3.5% - 1 in 30 of the people we know, work with or simply pass in the street every day.

Diabetics are required to choose a lifestyle we can all probably copy to help improve our own health. We know that the medical care for diabetics is excellent. What I want to do is to bring awareness of the lifestyle needs of diabetics to the fore. An improved diet improves health and ensuring the right information is available is key to assisting diabetics in their normal life.

One of the important lifestyle choices is to take more exercise. The Town Council has put in place a free and well-used outdoor gym at Greatness Park and we are looking to make more equipment available to people elsewhere in our town.

My starting point this year is the wonderful work being done by Diabetes UK and its Sevenoaks branch and I look forward to working not only with them but also meeting all the other volunteers in and around our beautiful and vibrant town of Sevenoaks.



THE QUEEN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

Picnic at Knole
Sunday 12th June 2016
12.30pm - 2.00pm

Residents of Sevenoaks are invited to bring a picnic and celebrate the Queen's 90 years, over the course of 90 minutes, in the historic courtyards at Knole

Feel free to dress in red, white and blue

- Free entry to Lord Sackville's Private Garden
- Musical entertainment by Second Wind Concert Band
- Vintage bus running from Sevenoaks to Knole - tickets are free (courtesy of Cllr Richard Parry)
- Refreshments available for purchase on site



New Buckhurst Lane Play Area Opened

The new Buckhurst Lane Play Area was opened on the 7th April 2016.

Sevenoaks Town Council has leased an area of the Environmental Park from Knole Trustees to enable the new play area to be created.

The £100,000 play area was funded by Sevenoaks Town Council £50,000, Cory Environmental Trust in Britain, £40,000, the Round Table £6,000 some business fundraising and contributions from the Community Infrastructure Levy.



Proposal for play equipment and outdoor gym facilities at Kippington Meadow

Sevenoaks Town Council has started with its Community Investment Plan. Part of the plan is to provide additional play equipment and free facilities including outdoor gym equipment across the town subject to funding constraints and public consultation.

Buckhurst Lane Play Area in the Environmental Park was the first new play facility to be opened.

The proposal for Kippington Meadow is much smaller and will be in keeping with its surrounds. It is proposed to install a couple of pieces of play equipment primarily made from wood and/or some outdoor gym equipment for adults.

The Town Council is also conscious of the fun enjoyed by many during the winter using sleds and equipment would not be installed to impede this.

All of the above is being reviewed and public comments are welcome either via email to council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or by letter.

This matter will be considered again at the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday 11th July 2016 at the Town Council Offices. All Town Council meetings are open to the public.

Proposal for 3G Rugby Pitch at Knole Paddock

Sevenoaks Town Council has recently concluded the production of its Sports Strategy which followed a period of consultation with over 40 sports clubs and local resident groups.

Sevenoaks Town Council has indicated that it does want to be supportive of local sports clubs and the work they carry out voluntarily, particularly for young people.

One of the proposals that came via the Sports Strategy was from the Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club for the installation of a 3G pitch at Knole Paddock.

The Town Council has always been very clear to the Rugby Club that there were other parties to consider in relation to their plans. This includes the public loss of open space and the impact on other sports namely cricket and football. There are also other factors to consider including funding and planning.

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Bat & Ball Station Building

The Friends of Bat & Ball Station was created in November 2014 with the following aims:-

1. Support regeneration of Bat & Ball area, highlighting benefits of the station
2. Promote the station
3. Promote the building as a venue / facility
4. Encourage integration with other community / business projects e.g. Britain in Bloom, Vintage Bus, Summer Festival / Arts
5. Protect and inform re Historical / Conservation importance
6. Provide information to the public

Sevenoaks Town Council has commenced negotiations with South Eastern for obtaining a long term lease on the station building which has been boarded up for decades. Architectural plans are currently being prepared to include – public toilets, café / shop selling Kent produce and community meeting rooms.

The community meeting / event rooms will operate as satellite to the new Bat & Ball Centre proposed to be developed in the future.

The Bat & Ball Station has important historic significance to Sevenoaks being the first terminus in Sevenoaks, opened in 1862. In 1866 the Bat & Ball Station was used by the Prince and Princess of Wales and in 1867 by Queen Victoria, on their visits to Knole.

Quakers Hall Allotment Site

Sevenoaks Town Council owns two allotment sites, one in Bradbourne Vale Road and one at Quakers Hall Lane.

The Quakers Hall Allotment Site has been operated on behalf of the Town Council by the Sevenoaks Allotment Holders Association (SAHA).

The Town Council has been negotiating with SAHA arrangements for a new 10 year lease to enable this arrangement to continue and it is hoped that a new lease will be signed in July.

The Town Council wishes to reassure allotment tenants however if for some reason the lease cannot be renewed this will not change their rights to working their allotments.

Forthcoming Events at the Vine Gardens

Date	Time	Event
5th June	3pm—4pm	Bishop James Longstaff's Anglican Church Ceremony
18th June	11am—4pm	Colourscape & Painting for fun
25th June	3pm—5pm	Armed Forces Concert
26th June	9:30am—12:30pm	Sevenoaks Farmers' Market
2nd July	9am—3pm	South East Open Art Studio Exhibition
23rd July	10am—3pm	Roald Dahl Event
24th July	9:30am—12:30pm	Sevenoaks Farmers' Market
10th August	2:30—5pm	Summer Playdate

FRESH, LOCALLY SOURCED PRODUCE



SEVENOAKS

VINE GARDENS, DARTFORD ROAD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH, APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2016

9:30AM – 12:30PM

COMMENCES 24TH APRIL.

CONTACT BONNIE TARLING ON GBL@SEVENOAKSTOWN.GOV.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION



Sevenoaks Vine Bandstand

Sevenoaks Town Council and Wagamama presents you with a series of **FREE** open air concerts!

Lazy Sundays 3-5pm

19th June – Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band

26th June – Darent Valley Youth Music

Above performing during Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2016

No bands 3rd or 7th July during Cricket Week

10th July – Bacchus Wind Orchestra

17th July – Bosville Valley Stompers

24th July – Medway Concert Band

31st July – Gravesend Borough Band

7th August – Oxted Band

14th August – Brighton & Hove City Brass Band

21st August – Northfleet Brass Band

28th August – Green Street Blues

Thursday Evenings 6-8pm

23rd June – East Peckham Silver Band

30th June – !! Quarteto Fienile

Above performing during Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2016

No bands 3rd or 7th July during Cricket Week

14th July – Orpington Band

21st July – Gravesend Mainly Sax

28th July – Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band

4th August – Gravesend Mainly Sax

11th August – Bosville Valley Stompers

18th August – !! Quarteto Fienile

25th August – East Peckham Silver Band



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Town Councillors 2015-2019

NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD	
Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Liberal Democrat
KIPPINGTON WARD	
Cllr A Eyre	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative
NORTHERN WARD	
Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat
ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr M A Chakowa	Conservative
Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative
TOWN WARD	
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr E Parson	Conservative
Cllr O Schneider	Conservative
WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative

To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor, please use the following email format:
Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for the Financial year 2016/2017 is £973,618 per year equivalent to £105.53 per Band D House.

- ALLOTMENTS
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- 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 CENTRE ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTEES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)
- FREE SUMMER CONCERTS/ VINE BANDSTAND
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HANGING BASKETS
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- HITB (HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT) YOUTH CAFÉ
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Boltophs 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
- SPORTS PITCHES
- MARKETS
- MIDLINGS 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
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES / CHAMBER - Available for hire - meetings, conferences
- TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS, VINE GARDENS (*including Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (*including Tea Kiosk*)
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL

Saturday Markets

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Wednesday Market

Buckhurst Lane

