



# Sevenoaks Town Crier

From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

November 2017

## A message from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Maxine Chakowa

I have had a busy time starting with the Sevenoaks business awards which was a fantastic evening as always. We are so lucky in Sevenoaks to have so many businesses that cater for everyone's needs, this is why I feel our Town will always be a great place to shop and do business.

Then I had the privilege of opening the new 3G pitch at Greatness Park which looks amazing and will be used by the local clubs and schools.

It was also 30 years since the Great Storm which felled six of our seven oaks on The Vine. These were replaced in 1988 by seven more and I unveiled a plaque on The Vine in front of the one remaining mighty King Edward VII Oak planted in 1902. The unveiling was followed by a fabulous talk from Bob Ogle.

We have so many wonderful events coming up over the next couple of months, the fireworks, the Christmas lights Switch on, Christmas Markets and the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs pantomime at the Stag Theatre, just to name a few. I hope to see you at most of them and I look forward to reporting back on our lovely Town.



Sevenoaks  
Breast Cancer  
Support Group



**SEVENOAKS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**  
 WITH THE CAST OF **SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs**  
[www.sevenoakchristmaslights.wordpress.com](http://www.sevenoakchristmaslights.wordpress.com)

**Friday 24th November 2017**  
 Mayor & pantomime cast to turn on lights at **7:30pm**

**High Street closes at 5:30pm**  
**Entertainment from 6:00pm**

**Christmas Stalls**  
**Santa's Grotto 6:00 - 8:30pm at Specsavers**  
**Fairground Rides / Elsa & Olaf**  
**Reindeer**  
 (located in The Shambles)

For more info please contact the Sevenoaks Town Council on 01732 459953 or [council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

**Specsavers** **Sanlam** **TESCO** **a-plan**

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**Sevenoaks Christmas Market**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup>, SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**VINE GARDENS, DARTFORD ROAD**

*Festive delights include*  
 Live music stage • Carol singing • Festive foods  
 Children's entertainment • Traditional fairground rides  
 Craft, gift & grocery food stalls

Fri 12.00pm - 7.00pm • Sat 9.00am - 7.00pm • Sun 10.00am - 5.00pm

[www.facebook.com/TheMarketSquareGroup](http://www.facebook.com/TheMarketSquareGroup)  
[www.twitter.com/marketsqgroup](http://www.twitter.com/marketsqgroup)  
[www.marketsquaregroup.co.uk](http://www.marketsquaregroup.co.uk)

**CHRISTMAS BEGINS IN SEVENOAKS**

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Visit [www.marketsquaregroup.com](http://www.marketsquaregroup.com) for event information



## Sevenoaks 'In Bloom' 2017

Sevenoaks Town Council proudly announces it's 2017 South and South East in Bloom Awards:

- Town Centre – Silver Gilt
- Sevenoaks Cemetery – Silver (1<sup>st</sup> year of entry)
- Sevenoaks Common – Silver (1<sup>st</sup> year of entry)
- The Vine – Silver Gilt
- Sevenoaks Upper High Street Gardens – Silver Gilt



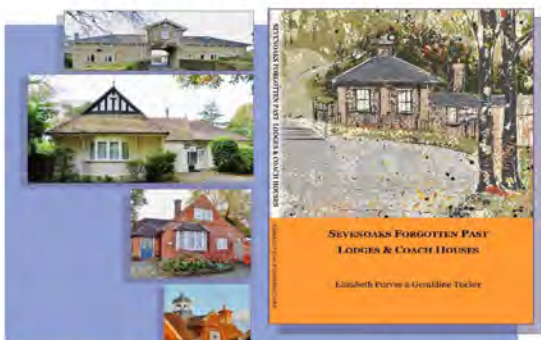
To recognise the involvement of the local community, framed Certificates of Excellence were awarded by the Mayor, Cllr Maxine Chakowa at the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 to House in the Basement, St John's CE Primary School, Little Vine Nursery, Rockdale Housing Association, The Chequers, Neal's Yard, Sevenoaks Living Landscapes, Raj Bari, Creative Project and Russell Harper



A big thank you to all the donors that helped to support the awards!

- Warners Solicitors
- Sencio
- Go Coach
- Francis Jones Jewellers
- SAHA
- The Stag
- Sevenoaks Computers
- Grace Fashion
- Offset Architects
- Specsavers
- Cryojuvenate

### SEVENOAKS FORGOTTEN PAST LODGES AND COACH HOUSES



A new book by Elizabeth Purves and Geraldine Tucker chronicles the history of the lodges and coach houses in Sevenoaks which still survive. Many of the great houses and Victorian mansions have been demolished but their lodges remain. These small buildings are often forgotten.

Over 50 lodges or coach houses with their host buildings are described and illustrated with colour photographs.

This book will make an ideal Christmas present!

£12 from the Sevenoaks Bookshop



## News Release for Grants

The Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed the following additional grants to local organisations. This was in addition to grants distributed at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2017. This makes a total of £11,931.20 Grants provided to local organisations during this year.

Grant Recipient	Sum Awarded
Citizens Advice in North and West Kent, Sevenoaks and Swanley Bureau Citizens Advice Bureau	£556.20
Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival	£600
Sevenoaks Counselling	£1,200
West Kent Mediation	£375
Sevenoaks Society	£500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,231.20</b>



## STP Business Awards

The annual black tie Business Awards Event was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with the largest amount of nominations and customer voting to date.

Businesses attended Knole Academy for the event. The hall had been transformed to a glamorous venue and catering was supplied by the students who had only just started that term.

Sir Michael Fallon MP, who is Patron of the Sevenoaks Town Partnership provided an address and Andrew Hanson, Chief Operating Officer for FM Conway provided an inspiring talk about how the family business had grown from the 1960s to be the national company that it is today.



Please see below for a full list of entries and winners for each category:

### Independent Retailer of the Year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Raj Bari
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rencraft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Sevenoaks Florist

### National Chain Retailer of the Year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Specsavers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wagamama
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Sevenoaks Florist

### Apprentice of the Year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lewis Plaxton (Thomas Cookie Co)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charlie Joy (STC / Stag)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eudes Gamroski (Reuthe's Nursery & Gardens)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jack Sutton (Specsavers)

### New Business:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cryojuvenate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thomas Cookie Co
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Peacock Rooms

### Customer's Choice:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sevenoaks Ladies Joggers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Franks barbers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Otto's Kitchen

### Home Enterprise:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sevenoaks Ladies Joggers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Russell Harper Photography
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sevenoaks Plans Ltd

### Judges Choice – sponsored by Warners Solicitors:

- The Stag Theatre

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TOWN PARTNERSHIP

## Quakers Hall Allotments

The Town council has recently taken over the Quakers Hall allotments from SAHA.

If you are in the St Johns area and want to get out your Green-fingers then please contact;

[allotments@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

Other key info;

- A full 10-rod plot is approximately 250 sq. m (300 sq. yds) but we usually rent half that amount.
- Prices (2017-8) are £2 per rod
- Usually a shed available in a nearby block at no extra charge.
- Membership of Sevenoaks Allotment Holders' Association (SAHA) is just £5 per year
- On-site loos.
- As much free advice as you need from existing members.

## Calling Horticultural Volunteers!

We are currently looking for new Horticultural Volunteers to form a team to garden together at Vine Gardens.

As a volunteer you will need practical horticultural experience and be happy to work outside in all weathers! A chance to meet other gardening enthusiasts and share a cup of tea together.

For further details, please contact [osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk) or phone Bonnie Tarling on 01732 459953



# Town Councillors 2015-2019

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

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

i.e. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be:  
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 2017/2018 is £1,029,625 per year equivalent to £111 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 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



Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

