



Sevenoaks Town Crier

From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

February 2017

Message from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Andrew Eyre

The next year will be tumultuous with the inauguration of a new US President and with national elections in Germany, France & Holland and local County Council elections in Kent. The formal paperwork for the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union will also start and will no doubt produce a huge amount of comment in voice and in print. This country has been through division and disorder before. The peoples of Europe continue to be linked by their common heritage and neither historic nor current disagreements will alter that. Here in Sevenoaks there are topics of discussion which divide individuals and separate groups. But the key democratic fundamental here is that we speak together. We join together with the common aim to improve Sevenoaks.

As Mayor recently I have been both privileged and interested to sit and talk to a 94 year old who worked in the diplomatic service in the Second World War and an 89 year old who toured the country after the war installing heating systems. And alongside hundreds of young cubs and their volunteer leaders I was very happy to re-take my cub-scout vow of allegiance at the 100th anniversary Grand Howl held simultaneously across the country.



Voices from across the years but with a common theme of pride in what they did, what they do to help others and of pride in their local town. I will in the coming months continue to talk with people in Sevenoaks and I hope we remain together locally, nationally and internationally through the events to come.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that we can all look forward to a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY 20th MARCH 2017

18:30 Exhibition & Meet Cllrs

19:00 Meeting starts

Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road TN14 5DN

A presentation will be made at the Public meeting showing the exciting new proposals that have been developed to date within the Masterplan for the Northern part of Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks Youth Council seek performers for Open Mic Nights

The new Sevenoaks Youth Council seek local performers to take part in monthly Open Mic Nights. The aim is to bring back a regular Open Mic night taking place in the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café, situated in the basement of the Stag Theatre, London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ZZ as well as raising awareness of the Youth Café.

The House in the Basement is a youth café for young people aged between 11-18 found in the heart of Sevenoaks.

It provides an entertaining and safe environment for young people to meet up with friends and enjoy themselves, with Youth Workers in attendance to help advise in a range of activities. The café has facilities to appeal to most interests, ranging from music rooms, to pool tables and free Wi-Fi. The café is open from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM every week from Wednesday to Saturday. Despite this, a lack of awareness of the Youth Café has led to it not receiving the attendance it deserves.

If any young people within Sevenoaks area know of a young band/singer who would like to perform at the House in the Basement Youth Café, please contact Michèle MacDonald council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Creation of a Sevenoaks Fund - to raise £1 million in 2017



The community of Sevenoaks has historically been generous in fundraising and donations for the provision of community facilities. Notable amongst these are Sevenoaks War Memorial, Sevenoaks Community Centre and the Stag Theatre. This past generosity has provided facilities appreciated by all.

Today there are also many wonderful community organisations in our Town who are fundraising to provide improved facilities.

Sevenoaks Town Council has decided to launch the Sevenoaks Fund, to assist voluntary groups to share resources and fundraise for new facilities to be used now and in the future. The overall concept is based upon the idea of the community being direct beneficiaries of its own investment - similar to crowdfunding, but without the fees and constraints.

2017 will be the first year of the Sevenoaks Fund which has the ambitious target of raising £1m to support four local charities. If the Sevenoaks Fund is successful new projects will be considered for future years. The four projects being supported for 2017 are:



3G Pitch at Knole Paddock for Rugby

Help local children play sport on a surface they deserve

A floodlit all-weather 3G rugby/football/multi-sports pitch, on existing playing fields at Knole Paddock, will help Sevenoaks Rugby Club give local children the facilities they deserve.

The Club is working closely with Sevenoaks Town Council, the RFU and our community to be a centre of excellence for rugby in the South East.

Eight hundred boys and girls aged 6-to-18 play for Sevenoaks. The Club runs four senior teams and our volunteering work in eight state Primary and six state Secondary schools is introducing rugby to a new generation of players.

Fundraising Target: £500,000

Town Council Contribution: £250,000

Project Total: £750,000



3G Greatness Recreation Ground for Football

Sevenoaks Town FC plays a major role in the local community providing football for over 700 people every week including junior football, girls' football, senior football and our powerchair football teams. Since 2007, the club has grown from 16 teams to 59 teams and, with this new facility accommodating further growth, we forecast that by 2019 we will be in excess of 68 teams.

Some of the main benefits of the new 3G pitch will be:

- an increase in training and match capacity at Greatness Park every week of the year for junior, youth and senior football with a hugely reduced risk of cancellation due to adverse weather conditions
- an opportunity to offer local primary schools a free two hour slot every week so they can utilise the facilities for their physical education classes or extra-curricular activities - promoting regular exercise and healthy living to their students without the fear of having to cancel sessions due to waterlogged school fields
- an opportunity to offer the facility to other local organisations, secondary schools and community groups

The installation of our new state-of-the-art 3G pitch is pivotal to the club's future and will enhance, grow and widen the provision of football the club is already offering.

Fundraising Target: £300,000

Town Council Contribution: £200,000

Project Total: £500,000

New Sevenoaks Day Nursery Building and Facilities

Sevenoaks Day Nursery is a charity that provides low-cost daycare for local children and emergency early years places for families in crisis. All of our children enjoy learning, playing and developing in a friendly, home-from-home environment.

The parents and volunteers are currently fundraising to replace the ageing Nursery buildings on the Community Centre site.

Fundraising Target: £100,000

Town Council Contribution in kind (Project Management): £173,000

Project Total: £400,000

Funding also being sought elsewhere.



Stag Theatre & Cinema

Please help the Stag Theatre to keep developing as an important part of the local community. The building is sound and solid but the 1935 lath internal roof of the auditorium needs replacing so that it can last for another 80 years. So please donate generously and support your local theatre.

Fundraising Target: £100,000

Project Total: £100,000



The Council's budget for 2017-18 will be £1,532,074. The Council generates income of £502,449 (33%) with the remainder (£1,029,625) charged to the Precept, paid for by local council tax payers.

This equates to £111 per year or £2.13 per week for a Band D Property, an increase of £5 per year or 10p per week on 2016-17.

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Town Tax Bill

Dear Band D Property,
Please pay
Sevenoaks Town Council
the sum of **£111**
per annum

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2017-18 Community Investment Fund Projects include:



Progression of Bat & Ball Community Centre & Station upgrade scheme



New public toilets at Greatness Park

Refurbishments to Skateboard Park

Taking over management of Environmental Park

Extensive maintenance to trees on Sevenoaks Common

Wherever possible, Sevenoaks Town Council aims to deliver community facilities at zero cost to taxpayers. There are exceptions to this, including maintenance of public open space and play areas, which are free for public use and do not generate income.

Community Services include:

Cafe on the Vine;
Cemetery;
Community Centre;
Community Events;
Local Grants Scheme;
Markets;
No.8 & Vintage Bus;
Open Spaces & Sports;
Youth Provision.



Bottom line...

Great value at only

£2.13
per week!

Full details of the budget can be found at:
www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY
NO 8 HOURLY BUS SERVICE
INTO AND AROUND SEVENOAKS**

FREE Wi-Fi

Sevenoaks town council

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Route 8 Sevenoaks Town Circular Service

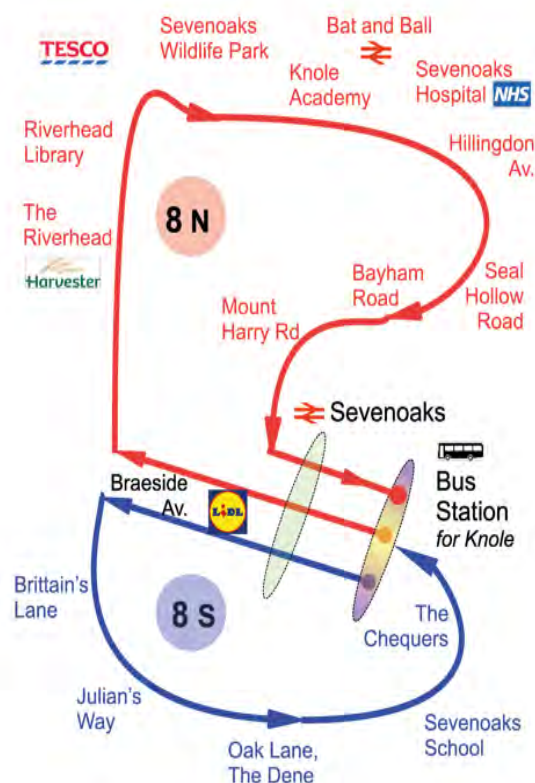
	From 07/11/2016													
	SDO							NSD						
Sevenoaks Bus Station	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1500						
Sevenoaks Railway Station	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	1504						
Britains Lane / Croft Way	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1507						
Julians Way	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1510						
High Street for Sevenoaks School	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1513						
Sevenoaks Bus Station (arrive)	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1515						
Sevenoaks Bus Station (depart)	0917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517	1517						
Sevenoaks Railway Station	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1521						
Riverhead, "The Riverhead"	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1523						
Riverhead Tesco (arrive)	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1525						
Riverhead Tesco (depart)	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1527						
St John's Hill opp. The Castle PH (for hospital)	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1531	1531						
Wickenden Rd / Little Wood	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1533						
Seal Hollow Rd / Wildernesse Avenue	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1535						
Bayham Rd / Quakers Hall Lane	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1537						
Sevenoaks Railway Station	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1541						
Sevenoaks Bus Station	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1545						

Service operated in partnership with Sevenoaks Town Council & Kent County Council



SDO = School Days
NSD = Non School Days

Route 8 operates Monday to Saturday and Bank Holidays. No service on Sundays, Christmas Day & Boxing Day



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

i.e. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be:
Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

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 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
- 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
- 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

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Saturday Markets



Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

