



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the community of Sevenoaks :

February 2018

## NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CLLR MAXINE CHAKOWA

What a busy 2017 I had with so many spectacular events taking place in our lovely town and the exciting news that we got the Heritage Lottery Grant to start work on the Bat and Ball Station.

On 10th February we held a very successful quiz night and on 13th February the first pancake race on The Vine with proceeds from both events going to my chosen charity Breast Cancer Care. In April the Business Show is back and in May the Wellbeing show for the 3rd year at the Plaza Suite at The Stag.

Many of you will know that as part of my charity I have opened a drop-in Centre in the House in the Basement for anyone going through, had, or know someone with Breast Cancer - it's every Tuesday 10.30-12.30 we often have talks or massages going on or just drop in for a chat.

I look forward to reporting back to you all soon.



## It's now Full Steam Ahead!

Sevenoaks Town Council are delighted to announce that it has secured a £755,600 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant towards the refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station Building, thanks to money raised by National Lottery players.

The Bat & Ball Station Building is a Victorian property constructed in 1862. It was the first station in Sevenoaks and used by Queen Victoria when visiting Knole. It has been boarded up since 1991 and gradually deteriorated.

Cllr Roderick Hogarth, Chairman of the Community Infrastructure Committee, said **"The Bat & Ball Station was once and now, with this significant grant from the HLF, will become again a wonderful asset for the community in Sevenoaks, especially the many hundreds of school children who use it daily and the growing number of people who will come to enjoy the facilities it will provide. The HLF grant enables the whole project (total value of investment approximately £1.3m) to move ahead and we look forward to opening this restored, Grade II Listed building in 2018".**

The restored building will provide public toilets, two community rooms, and a café selling Kent produce and heritage information. It will also have the ability to sell train tickets. Currently there is only a ticket machine. All of these facilities should encourage more people to use the station.

## MP Welcomes Station Regeneration

Sevenoaks MP Sir Michael Fallon has welcomed the news that Sevenoaks Town Council has secured a £755,600 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant towards the refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station Building.

Having helped the Town Council secure the funding, Sir Michael offered his congratulations.

**He said: "Regeneration projects require huge community effort just to get off the ground.**

**So I congratulate the Town Council for securing the funding it needs for the project to go ahead I look forward to visiting the station in the New Year."** - The Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon



# Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan

As part of the Sevenoaks District Council Issues and Options Consultation respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the proposals contained within the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan: An ambitious plan which includes comprehensive community-led redevelopment of the current Tarmac Quarry site when extraction ceases in the next 10-15 years.

Proposals include a new boating lake, a hire facility for boats / bikes, open recreation spaces, circular walking / cycle paths, new community facilities, residential accommodation, employment facilities, and greatly improved connections within Northern Sevenoaks.

District-wide support was 66%, but when only looking at responses from Northern Sevenoaks and the surrounding parishes this rose to 69%, indicating an incredibly strong level of local support for the proposals.

Sevenoaks Town Council is now working closely with Sevenoaks District Council to ensure the community-endorsed proposals are included within the emerging Local Plan, it is also progressing with its own Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Development Plan which will also support the proposals for Northern Sevenoaks.

For more information please visit [stnp.co.uk](http://stnp.co.uk) or email [planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk) to be added to the distribution list, which receives periodic updates and invitations to meetings.

## New Defibrillator at the Vine...

Sevenoaks Town Council are pleased to announce that the current vandalised telephone box on Blackhall Lane will be refurbished and rehoused at The Vine with a defibrillator inside for public use.

The project has been made possible by a very generous grant from Kent County Councillor, Cllr Margaret Crabtree through her Members Grant. The telephone box will be placed on The Vine at the beginning of the year.



Bonnie Tarling  
Open Spaces Committee Clerk

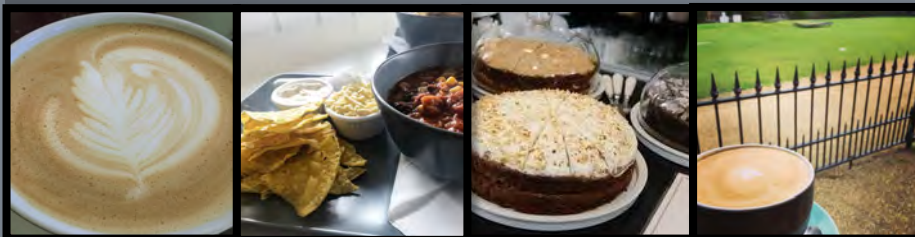
Café  
on the  
Vine

Investing profits in the community

October - March:  
8:30pm - 4:00pm

April - September  
8:30pm - 6:00pm

Open: Wednesday - Saturday



A tranquil café set in the Vine Gardens overlooking the historic Vine cricket ground with the view across the North Downs.

## Tea Dance

At  
Bat & Ball  
Community Centre

Dances are held on  
Wednesdays  
2:30 - 4:30

Entry fee - £3.00

(Price includes Tea & cake at interval)



Contact - Bryan Miles on 01732 464003 For more information





# SEVENDAKS TOWN YOUTH EVENTS

## Open Mic Nights

Sevenoaks Youth Council working jointly with the House in the Basement to invite young performers aged 11-18 to audition at their Open Mic Nights. located at the 'House in the Basement' on the dates below, Free food has kindly been arranged by Wagamama on each of these nights.

### Open Mic Night

26th January / 23rd February

16th March / 18th May / 29th June

7pm - 9pm



At The House In The Basement Youth Cafe

Free / simpler from Wagamama - from bowl to soul, find out on the high street



For more info e-mail [council@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or call 01732 459953

### Live On the Vine

Come along and audition to perform at the end of school summer festival 'Live on the Vine' Friday 20th July along with other budding talented young musicians.



### Christmas Lights

From September to mid November we'll be auditioning young performers for the chance to perform at the annual Christmas Lights Switch on Event on the 30th November 2018.

## HOUSE IN THE Basement

YOUTH CAFE FOR AGES 11-18



FOR  
GAMERS  
PS3, Wii,  
Xbox 360



FREE WIFI



INTERNET  
CAFE



POOL TABLE



FOOD & DRINK



CHILL OUT



INFORMATION  
& SUPPORT

#### OPENING HOURS

(School Term)  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4pm - 9pm  
Saturday 2pm - 9pm  
(School Holidays) Opens at 2pm instead of 4pm

AVAILABLE  
TO HIRE  
for Birthday  
Parties

In the Basement of the  
STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1ZZ

**01732 466 593**

[info@houseinthebasement.co.uk](mailto:info@houseinthebasement.co.uk)

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## HOUSE IN THE Basement

What's Going on?

## Free Drop-in Music Lessons!

Come along and learn to play  
the Guitar or Ukelele!

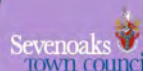
26th Jan - 23rd Feb

16th Mar - 18th May - 29th Jun

5pm - 6pm

At

the House in The  
Basement Youth Cafe.





## 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

## 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  
BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITTAINS 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
- CONSULTANTS (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 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
- 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
- RED CROSS BUILDING
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- SPORTS PITCHES
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- 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  
Public Toilet  
Telephone Kiosk with defibrillator
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (including Tea Kiosk)
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL

Please consider donating to the Sevenoaks Fund...



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The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Monday evenings at 7 pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details of the meetings please contact the Town Council Offices - 01732 459953. [council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk) [www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

