

"As people may be aware, my theme this year is "Taking Pride in Sevenoaks".

At the risk of repeating myself, there are many reasons to be proud of our town. It has a unique character, we have Knole, we have a good range of shops with very few empty premises, we have some excellent schools, we have thriving sports clubs with large junior sections, we have a thriving theatre and cinema and when I speak to people working in the shops their customers are (mostly!) a joy to serve. A great place to live and work.

Over the past few weeks I have been enjoying many of the extraordinary talents demonstrated in this town, the Cantate Choir and Temenos with their near perfect accompanied and unaccompanied singing; and Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra, which must be one of the best amateur orchestras in the region. Amongst the younger generation it was a joy to hear BBC Young Musician Brass Section winner Matilda Lloyd playing the trumpet, the extraordinary talent evident at the Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Competition at Stag and the enthusiasm and talent on display at Knole Academy's production of Bugsy Malone. That Sevenoaks should be home to so much artistry is amazing and helps to explain why the UK is home to and destination for talent on a global scale. That a town like ours should be such a cultural crucible is indeed a cause for pride! And this applies equally to sports. But this rich experience would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of many ordinary but really quite extraordinary local people.

The Town Council is keen to ensure that although future development of the Town is inevitable, it nevertheless retains its distinctive character of which we can continue to be proud; whilst reflecting the views of its residents. It is to this end that it has embarked on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This first phase was the questionnaire, the replies to which have now been analysed and the results will be on display at the Annual Town Meeting on 23rd March at Stag Plaza – all are welcome. We are still looking for community input, for example on the Bat and Ball area which the Town Council is keen to see regenerated. I hope to see as many of you as possible there so we can get your initial feedback."

Councillor Simon Raikes, Mayor of Sevenoaks



SEVENOAKS ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF SEVENOAKS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE PLAZA SUITE AT THE STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ ON

MONDAY 23 March 2015

6.30–7.00pm

Exhibition from local voluntary groups and recipients of Town Council Grants

Come and meet your local Town Councillors

7.00pm

Meeting commences – Chaired by the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr S G Raikes

A G E N D A

- 1. WELCOME BY MAYOR, CLLR SIMON RAIKES**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE 2014 SEVENOAKS ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING**
- 3. PRESENTATION BY STEVEN DEDMAN, GENERAL MANAGER AT KNOLE, REGARDING THE NEW FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES AT KNOLE**
- 4. PRESENTATION OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 1 APRIL 2014 – 31 MARCH 2015.**
- 5. PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRESS OF THE SEVENOAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
- 6. PRESENTATION OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL GRANT CHEQUES**
- 7. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUERIES FROM LOCAL PEOPLE ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO SEVENOAKS**

Historic building on the Vine to be renovated and refurbished into public area



Sevenoaks Town Council has submitted a planning application to convert the current Band Practice Room into the Vine Café.

The aspiration to convert the Band Practice Room on the Vine into a café was part of the Town Council's 2012 Blue Skies thinking. A grant from the Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) of £50,000 has enabled this to become a reality.

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Angela Haymonds, CETB Trust Secretary, said: "The Trustees are pleased to be able to support this community project, helping to give a public asset of architectural significance a new lease of life and benefitting all those who enjoy leisure time on the Vine Common."

The Town Council is also grateful to a2d architects which has provided considerable voluntary assistance with this. A premises licence will be submitted later this month.

Cllr Andrew Eyre, Chairman of Sevenoaks Town Council's Open Spaces & Leisure Committee said: *"This is another example of the Town Council's commitment to making things better for the people of Sevenoaks. A welcome rest for those enjoying the bandstand concerts the Town Council organises or watching the cricket – or simply an excellent cup of coffee on the way to the station for those with less leisure time. We heard the people and we are responding. I know that everyone will enjoy these new facilities when they open this summer."*

The proposed opening hours of the Vine Café are Wednesday to Sunday 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. however may occasionally open later for Thursday Bandstand evenings in the summer or other events. The Town Council hopes that the provision of the Vine Café as well as being a public facility will encourage more members of the community to use the Vine Gardens; support community events taking place in the Vine Gardens, particularly in relation to the evening economy including Thursday bandstand evenings during the summer and where possible promote Kent produced food and drink products.

Darren Maddison, Owner of a2d architects said: *"we are very proud to be helping STC create a new public café on the Vine, restoring and giving a new lease of life to an iconic piece of Sevenoaks' architectural heritage. Of all our various projects, we particularly enjoy designing unique buildings such as this and we fully share the passion for delivering a premium experience, serving fellow local people in such a beautiful location."*

Band Practice Room & History *"The Sevenoaks Town Band was founded in 1890 after a public meeting held at the Lime Tree Hotel. The brass band aimed to provide a non- alcoholic way of keeping the working men's community together. Twenty two men enrolled, each paying 15 shillings to the treasurer. Henry Swaffield paid for a bandstand on the Vine in 1894 and an adjoining Band Room on the Vine for practice in 1902. The Town Band unable to attract enough members, disbanded in the 1990s"*

Extract from Sevenoaks: An Historical Dictionary – David Killingray and Elizabeth Purves.

Sevenoaks Food Fair On the Vine Gardens

Sevenoaks Town Council is teaming up with Market Square Group to host a
Food Fair on the Vine Gardens from 8th – 10th May 2015.

You are invited to see what Sevenoaks is serving up – small producers, food and drink merchants, restaurateurs and kitchen enthusiasts will all be involved. Entertainment also provided.

Friends of Bat & Ball Station

The Friends of Bat & Ball Station was created in November 2014. Cllr Paul Towell is Chairman of the Friends. In February 2015 the Friends of Bat & Ball Station adopted a strategy to address the following aims:-

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

Full details of the strategy are available on the Sevenoaks Town Partnership's website www.sevenoakspartnership.org or emailing Bonnie Tarling at admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



Replacement of Sevenoaks Community Centre

The Town Council has opted to hold a prestigious RIBA Competition to attract the best design possible withinsensible resources for a new building of which Sevenoaks residents can be proud.

This starts as an open competition for all architects from which five are chosen to work up further concept ideas for a public exhibition in May.

A public exhibition of the conceptual designs will be held in the Sevenoaks Community Centre on 15th & 16th May 2015.

The designs will also be available to view on line on the Town Council's website.

Following the public exhibition one architect is awarded the contract to see the project through to completion on a standard fee.

Funding for the RIBA Competition is via a grant to the Town Council from the Homes and Communities Agency.



MAY 2015 YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Reduction in Local Government funding may see **services you take for granted reduced in the future.** Your Town or Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community – **to do this it will need your skills & enthusiasm**

Become a Local Councillor: Make a difference

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in

May 2015

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01732 459953 (Tel. No.)

council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk (Email)

www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk (Website)

For more information

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7 Stag Station The Vine Leisure Centre

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Knole for house and gardens	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00
Stag Theatre	11:05	12:05	13:05	14:05	15:05	16:05
Sevenoaks Station	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08
Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13
Bat and Ball Station	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18
The Vine , Cricket Ground	11:23	12:23	13:23	14:23	15:23	16:23
Bus Station for Leisure Centre and Market	11:26	12:26	13:26	14:26	15:26	16:26
Knole for house and gardens	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:33

In 2015 the Bus will run on the following dates

Easter – Friday 3rd April – Monday 6th April

Summer

Saturdays and Sundays: 20th June – 6th September

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: 27th July – 2nd September

Bank Holidays: 4th May & 25th May

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10.40	Essential Employment Law	Warners Solicitors
11.40	How to get your bank to say "Yes!"	Handelsbanken
12.40	Handling stress in the workplace	MIND
1.40	Pensions Freedom - The good, The bad and The ugly	Athena Wealth Planning
2.40	Branding your business	Brand Brown

Enquiries for stands, advertising in Business Show brochure or goody bags to Bonnie Tarling, admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or call 01732 459953

Town Councillors 2011/2015

NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD	
Cllr G R S Clack	Conservative
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 C L L Baker	Liberal Democrat
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative
ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr Mrs A E Dawson	Conservative
Cllr R Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr S Raikes	Conservative
TOWN WARD	
Cllr Mrs M A London	Conservative
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr Stephen Arnold	Conservative
WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr Mrs M E Crabtree	Conservative

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

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

Except for Cllr Mrs Walshe who can be reached via the following email address:
pamwalshe@supanet.com

Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Councils portion of the Council Tax for the financial year 2015/2016 is £803,102, equivalent to £88.69 per band D household.

- ALLOTMENTS
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- 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
- 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
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Bolttophs Road*)
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- JUBILEE CLOCK (*Old Market House*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- LAND AT LITTLEWOOD
- LAND AT TONBRIDGE ROAD
- SPORTS PITCHES
- MIDLINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- 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 GYM
- RALEYS & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES / CHAMBER – Available for hire – meetings, conferences
- TWINNING WITH RHEINBACH AND PONTOISE
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC LITTER BINS, GRIT BINS
- VINE GARDENS (*including Bandstand, Band Practice Room and Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (*including Tea Kiosk*)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
- VINE WASTE
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODLAND AT LETTER BOX LANE
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE

Saturday Markets



Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

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