



Welcome to this, my first Town Crier communication with the residents and community of Sevenoaks following my election as Mayor for the 2015/2016 civic year. Having been Deputy Mayor for the past two years, I know only too well of the demands placed on the incoming Mayor but perhaps, as I mentioned in my acceptance speech at the recent Annual Council Meeting, I have served a longer apprenticeship than is usual. However, I follow in the steps of Cllr Simon Raikes and his wife Christine who have, with such aplomb and fervent commitment, supported a wide and diverse range of charities, organisations and events. I hope I will be able to bring the same level of enthusiasm to the role.

Sevenoaks is a thriving market town having been given its market status in the 13th century. Until 1999, a weekly cattle market was held in Hitchen Hatch Lane but as with many long established and historic venues, its status was eroded by commercial development. Thankfully however, we have retained and expanded our Wednesday and Saturday town markets, venues that are supported not only by the local community, but by an

## Message from the Mayor

ever increasing number of visitors to the town. And, with the introduction of the recently established Vine Food Fair - with a three times a year format - our town roots are again in the ascendancy.

I mention the market expansion as just one of the Town Council's initiatives but of course there are many additional events planned throughout the year. 2015 will again see the introduction of the red Routemaster bus providing a summer service around the town from Knole. With its striking livery, ease of use and super value, the upper deck is attracting more and more families to Sevenoaks and the town amenities. This year also sees the return of live music at Sevenoaks Vine Bandstand on Sunday afternoons from late June to the end of August.

The Vine is also attracting further amenity investment by the Town Council with the £100,000 conversion of the former 113 year old band practice hut into a community café, with a planned toddler play area next to the café. Funded by a £50,000 grant from Cory Environment Trust, this is just one of the exciting new projects in support of the Council's family-friendly policy.

New for 2015 sees the introduction of the Sevenoaks Town Council Mayor's Cadet award. The introduction of this award is to focus on the important role performed by uniformed cadet groups within the local community as well as offering an opportunity for a young person to be involved in the work of the council. Rotated annually between the cadet groups, the Mayor's Cadet will support the Mayor at Civic Events,

meeting and greeting guests and VIP's and take part in Mayoral processions.

I am very pleased to announce that Able Cadet Nicholas Leonard from Westerham Sea Cadets is the Mayors Cadet for this civic year and I look forward to welcoming Nicholas at future events.

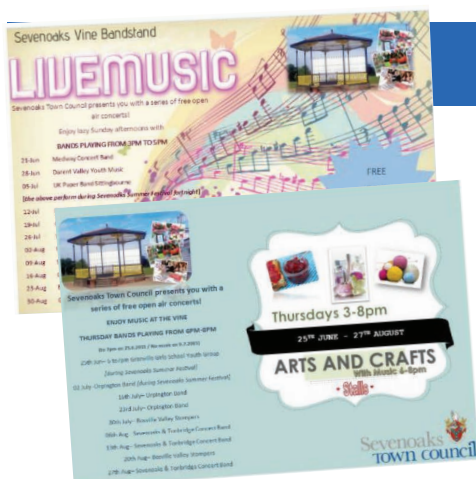
During the past four years both as Chairman of the Sevenoaks Town Partnership and latterly as Deputy Mayor, it has been a privilege to meet many people connected in some way to the organisations, businesses and charities within Sevenoaks. We have a real mix of people skills in the area; established retail traders, small business enterprises and entrepreneurs, all working together to make Sevenoaks the place to live, work and do business.

My main charity this year is Rockdale Housing Association who provide around 250 managed units offering residential care and sheltered accommodation. Through my fund raising events and with the help of business sponsors and you, I would like to support Rockdale in caring for older people in our community. In addition, I also wish to support organisations providing care for young people and those less fortunate.

I hope you will be able to support the Mayor's events in the coming months and the Town Council activities that will be publicised in the coming year.

Wishing you and your family a pleasant, fun filled summer in and around our lovely town. If you see me out and about, please do come and say hello.

**Cllr. Stephen Arnold, Mayor of Sevenoaks**



## Enjoying Summer in Sevenoaks

The Town Council is pleased to be providing and supporting so many activities this summer for the residents of the town and for encouraging visitors which is beneficial for our local economy.

The Town Council is the main sponsor of the Sevenoaks Summer Festival a two week extravaganza that has so much entertainment available it is difficult to fit it all in. The Festival starts with Summer

Festival Day on the 20th June with music and entertainment happening throughout the town centre. The Stag is once again hosting the Box Office for the Summer Festival.

Once again the Town Council will provide a series of concerts on the Vine Bandstand each Sunday and Thursday starting from 21st June. These concerts are free to attend.



# Enjoying Summer in Sevenoaks ctd



## Sevenoaks Cricket Week

Sevenoaks Vine CC cricket week starts on Friday 3rd July with an Old Oaks match vs Lord Sackville's XI, accompanied by the Sevenoaks Beer Festival (with over 40 real ales and ciders) in association with the Lions Club of Sevenoaks and live music from Artistes of the Zed Music Café. The beer festival continues over the weekend on Saturday 4th July (with a SVCC 2nd XI game) and on Sunday when the SVCC U17s will play St Paul's Brisbane in the afternoon, a touring Australian school side. On Monday the club entertain Lloyds Insurance of London, on Tuesday they play a KCC XI with the Clark Trophy final in the evening; during the day there will be a past players reunion for any

former members and opponents. On Wednesday SVCC play the MCC whilst Savills entertain their guests; on Thursday there is the 6 a side competition whilst Rix and Kay entertain their guests; on Friday the club play the Chairman's XI whilst some Kent Legends entertain the lunch guests.

This year Ed Smith, Asif Iqbal and Chris Tavaré will be the legends.

Everyone is welcome to come along and watch the cricket, please contact Gavan Burden on 07779 725 730 at the club if you would like to book seats for the Past Players day or Kent Legends lunch.

## Significant Historic Anniversaries Commemorated in Sevenoaks

### VE Day – 8th May 2015

On 8th May 2015 the Mayor Cllr Simon Raikes led the Memorial Service in respect of VE Day. The Mayor, Cllr Jill Davidson Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Lord Sackville laid wreaths at Sevenoaks War Memorial.

### Help for Heroes – Armed Forces Day

A concert will be held at the Sevenoaks Community Centre on 27th June 2015 in aid of Help for Heroes. Tickets available via Stag Box Office.

### 75th Anniversary of start of Battle of Britain – 12th July 2015

The Stag will be showing the original Battle of Britain film.

### 800th Anniversary of Signing of the Magna Carta

A historical talk relating to the signing of the Magna Carta will be provided in the Stag Plaza Suite on Sunday 19th July 2015 at 3 p.m.

### 70th Anniversary of VJ Day – 15th August 2015

The Mayor will lead a wreath laying ceremony at the Sevenoaks War Memorial commencing at 10am

## New community facilities for Sevenoaks

### Vine Café

We have encountered some significant structural issues with this historic building which has resulted in some delays for the project.

It is still the intention that the restoration and refurbishment of the building into a café will be completed this year.



### Bat & Ball Centre

The RIBA competition to select an architect has now been completed and the contract has been awarded to Theis & Khan.

Work will now commence with the architect to create a plan for the new centre, engaging as many people as possible in the process. Further consultation will be held at various stages of the project.





## SUMMER FAMILY FUNDAYS 2015

FREE Community games & entertainment organised by Sevenoaks Town Council

<b>Wednesday 29 July</b> 2.30pm – 5pm at The Vine	<b>Wednesday 19 August</b> 2.30pm – 5pm at Hillingdon Rise play area
<b>Wednesday 12 August</b> 2.30pm – 5pm at Greatness recreation ground	<b>Wednesday 26 August</b> 2.30pm – 5pm at Julian's Meadow

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## FREE CHILDREN'S PLAY DAYS ARE BEING HELD OVER THE SUMMER – SEE DETAILS BELOW.

- Wednesday 29th July at the Vine
- Wednesday 12th August at the Greatness Recreation Ground
- Wednesday 19th August at the Hillingdon Rise Play Area
- Wednesday 26th August at Julian's Meadow



# Your New Sevenoaks Town Council as elected on 7 May 2015



**Cllr Stephen Arnold**  
Mayor  
Chairman of Personnel  
Committee



**Cllr Nick Busvine OBE**  
Chairman of Youth Services Sub  
Committee



**Cllr Marilyn Canet**



**Cllr Maxine Chakowa**  
Chairman of  
Sevenoaks Town Partnership



**Cllr Tony Clayton**



**Cllr Andrew Eyre**  
Deputy Mayor  
Chairman of Open Spaces  
& Leisure Committee



**Cllr Roderick Hogarth**  
Chairman of Community  
Infrastructure Committee



**Cllr Richard Parry**



**Cllr Rachel Parry**



**Cllr Edward Parson**



**Cllr Robert Piper**  
Chairman of Finance  
& General Purposes Committee



**Cllr Simon Raikes**  
Chairman of Planning Committee



**Cllr Oliver Schneider**



**Cllr Paul Towell**  
Chairman of Friends of  
Bat & Ball Station



**Cllr Edward Waite**



**Cllr Pam Walshe**

## Business Awards

For the third year Sevenoaks Town Partnership will be running the Business Awards to celebrate and promote the successful businesses in the town.

Application forms to nominate the business of your choice within the following categories is now available on the Sevenoaks Town Partnership website – [www.sevenoakspartnership.org](http://www.sevenoakspartnership.org)

Independent Retailer of the Year National Chain Retailer of the Year Sevenoaks Apprentice of the Year New Business (under 5 years) Customer Choice Home Enterprise Judges Choice – nominated by judges.



The Vintage Bus will once again operating this summer with a ticket price of £2.50 per day ticket with under 10s free of charge. A lovely way to visit Knole Park.



## 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>Wilderness Ward</b>	
Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative

To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor,  
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Cllr.surname@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

ie. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address  
would be:

Cllr.piper@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

## Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

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
- BETHAL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x 2, St John's Hill x 3, Bradbourne Vale Road x 1, London Road x 4, Seal Road x 1, Tonbridge Road x 1*)
- CHRISTMAS TOWN CENTRE ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTTEES (PLANNINGS, 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 Botolphs 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
- MARKETS
- 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 & 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 PONTIOISE
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC LITTER BINS, GRIT BINS
- VINE GARDENS (*including Band Practice Room and Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILLION (*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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