

IN BUSINESS



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SEVENOAKS STAG THEATRE

The Stag theatre and cinema is going from strength to strength with many varied productions and films to suit everyone's taste. In the past few months we have seen such diverse productions as Mollere's The Misanthrope to Michael Frayn's comic masterpiece Noises Off. The venue is also available for private functions.

Policing in the Sevenoaks Area

Chief Insp. Gill Ellis has spoken of her delight at the appointment of 14 new Pcsos in the Sevenoaks area by March next year. Pcsos are seen as a vital link between communities and the police and a visible uniformed presence helping to reassure the public.

Graffiti has been rearing its ugly head in and around the Sevenoaks area again and graffiti vandals have been warned by Riverhead chiefs that graffiti is a crime and police have a databank of tags. Any young person apprehended could end up with a criminal record. The Vine has been hit as have various buildings, walls etc. around Sevenoaks town which is upsetting when we are trying to make the town attractive to visitors to the area for all the summer events that will be taking place over the next couple of months.

Rogue Traders

For any complaints on Rogue Traders, Contact Trading Standards Rogue Hotline: 0845 450210.

SEVENOAKS HOSPITAL

After much uncertainty facing the future of the Sevenoaks Hospital and £50,000 spent on consultants, it was a great relief to hear that West Kent Primary Care Trust has vowed to retain Sevenoaks Hospital and also bid to the Government for extra cash to up-grade the Hospital which can only be good news for the local area.

Sevenoaks Summer Festival

The annual very popular Summer Festival opens on Saturday 16th June to Sunday 1st July. On Saturday there will be a wide variety of events from stalls, street theatre, music, dancing, children's entertainment, the schools music stage and this day will be the launch of the whole Festival. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us all.

Other events include performances from the Ukulele Orchestra, one of the country's best loved poets, Roger McGough and a guitar duet featuring player John Williams and jazz player John Etheridge.

There is also a Sevenoaks Summer Festival treasure hunt with a chance to win £500 worth of jewellery.

For more information on this annual event, log onto: www.sevenoaksfestival.org.uk.

Sevenoaks Twin Town

The dispute over which garden to rename in honour of Sevenoaks' German twin town has been settled at last. The Upper St. John's Gardens will become the official site in celebration of the seven year link with Rheinbach. There has been much debate about the site and in our Spring Newsletter it was stated that the Vine Gardens would be the twin site but this decision was over-turned by town councillors after Chris Ide, from the Friends of Rheinbach brought up that renaming Vine Gardens would not compare to the round-about in Rheinbach that was dedicated to Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks Smokefree District

The countdown has started to Sevenoaks being a completely Smokefree District. On the 1st July new regulations will come into force.

For further details please contact the Council on 01732 227000.

New Fire Safety Legislation

Safety regulations from October 2006 - Employers, Occupiers & Building Owners become responsible for fire safety. For further information please log on to: www.kent.fire-uk.org

News and Events around Sevenoaks

Looking for the latest news and what's on around the Sevenoaks town and district? Wanting to publicise your business event or announce a press release? Click on www.7oaks.info for its interactive community calendar and add your event / news item online. Do watch this space for news of further planned developments on the web-site.

New Magazine for Sevenoaks

A new magazine has been launched in Sevenoaks by Editor Owen Hunnam called the Vine which is also available on line at: www.onlinevine.co.uk. This very informative and welcome magazine has articles on many varied fields from Art to Travel, Eating out and even our very own Sevenoaks Army Cadets. If you have an item that you would like to include in this new magazine, please contact: editor@onlinevine.co.uk.

Family Interest Magazine

The Family Interest Magazine, is a family orientated magazine, published by Chamber Member, Editor Caroline Aitken who is also Director of Acorn Communications, and is of great benefit for members who also have a family. There are numerous ideas for children and parents, so with the long school holidays approaching, why not log onto: www.familyinterest.co.uk.

Conservation Council

Conservation maps are now on the SDC website: www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/conservationareas and minutes of Conservation Council meetings are available at the Chamber Office.

Borough Green Bypass

H&H Celcon wants to build a second brick making factory on Ightham Sandpits and in return for planning permission has pledged to fund the Borough Green Bypass but the local community has been divided by this issue for some time. On the one side there are groups in favour of the application and their opinion is that the application is the only solution to traffic congestion in the area and blame Kent County Council for failing to fund the bypass even though they had given the project outline planning permission 16 years ago. On the other side of the argument are the environmental issues and questions have been raised about potentially harmful emissions. This contentious issue will resume with the Inquiry on 6th August, 2007.

Fairtrade

The Chairman of the Sevenoaks branch of Fairtrade, Gwyneth Brearley, is stepping down after her excellent work promoting this worth-while cause in Sevenoaks and has handed over the reins to Cllr Avril Hunter, who is a member of SDC. The organization has gone from strength to strength with many businesses and retailers supporting Fairtrade. We wish Cllr Avril Hunter much success in the future. For more information: www.fairtradeatwork.org.uk

New Mayor for Sevenoaks

Cllr Margaret Crabtree came to the end of her year as Mayor and I am sure that everyone in Sevenoaks would wish to thank her for her dedication and positive outlook during her time as Mayor. Apart from holding down a full-time job she also attended 164 functions which showed a real dedication to her position. We now welcome on board Cllr Richard Parry who will, we are sure be a very worthy new Mayor and we wish him every success and support in his new position.

Have you looked at the Chamber web site recently?

See the Links – on line business information “ONE SOURCE”

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS BROCHURE

It's not too late to let us have your A5 flyer. We are constantly sending out the brochure to new businesses and new Members. Promote your business and include your information in the “Business to Business” pack.

If you need further information, contact the office.

**TO JOIN THE CHAMBER IT COSTS
£7.10P PER MONTH!**

Discounts for Chamber Members

Did you know, some of our Chamber Member offer discounts to fellow Members??? Please mention that you are a Chamber Member when using any of our Member's many and varied services or look at our 'Benefits' section on our home page www.sevenoakschamber.com.

For Members details don't forget to check our Directory on the Website.

EUROPAGES is a working tool for businesses with an international vocation, helping them to buy better and sell more in Europe. www.europages.com gives access to the full EUROPAGES database: 600,000 businesses in 36 European countries.

Open Evenings & Network Lunches

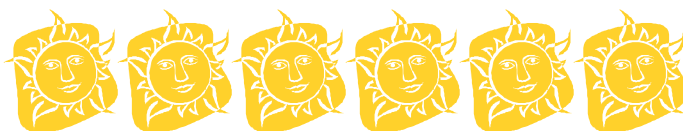
The Open Evenings have gone from strength to strength with many old and new faces attending. The Open Evening in April, hosted by Mark Rosser of Warners Solicitors was well attended, as was the May event hosted by John Millest of Millest & Partners. We greatly appreciate the time and effort put into these events and a big thank you to all the members who have hosted these successful events for us. Our next Network Evening is being hosted by Doug Parry of Lawrence Insurance Group on Thursday 21st June, 2007. We will be having a short break with the Open Evenings during the summer months but hope to continue after the holidays.

Our Network lunch at the Royal Oak was attended by 21 Members and was enjoyed by all, the menu and venue was outstanding and I am sure we will be holding future events at the Hotel. The next network lunch will be held at Greggs Restaurant on the 25th July, details to be advised.

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AND INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER : EARN
£10.00 DISCOUNT**

New Restaurant to open in old Dorset Arms site

A new Thai Restaurant, Thai Square, is due to open shortly in the old Dorset Arms site after internal and external renovations adding to the many choices of restaurants in the area.



Humour Corner

Answering machine message 254

Steve has been captured by a flying saucer and can't come to the phone right now, but if you leave your name, phone number, and a message, I'll have him call you back as soon as he gets away. Read all about it in next week's National Enquirer!!!

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007 - WELCOME

Citius – Michael Turner – for all your business growth & training & development.
Telephone: 01732 460003 or email: michael@cbtbusiness.co.uk.

Green Line Private Hire Cars – James Taylor Munro – for all your private car hire requirements. Telephone: 01732 834885 or email: marqueman@btconnect.com.

Elgee Pinks Solicitors – Nicholas Pinks/John Elgee – for all your legal requirements.
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Vanbar Multimedia Limited – Stuart Kennaugh – for all your web design, development & consultancy requirements. Telephone: 01732 741761 or email: enquiries@vanbar.co.uk

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London House Services – Graham Chandler – for all your banking, legal, insurance consultancy & investigations. Telephone: 01732 884290 or email: tonbridge@lh-services.co.uk

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