

IN BUSINESS



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Parking

“The new parking restrictions which are expected to come into effect on Monday 16th June, 2008 are aimed at better regulating parking facilities for commuters whilst minimising inconvenience to residents by trying to prevent the displacement of commuters in residential roads. The measures include restricting parking in some residential areas, issuing parking permits and making better use of some of the roads near Sevenoaks railway station that currently have inappropriate or inefficient parking controls to allow managed commuter parking.” Details of the new restrictions are available on the Council’s website:

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/parkingrestrictions. There has been a huge debate, however, about the new parking restrictions by residents and commuters and also on the matter of the parking tariffs at the station. Commuters parking at the Sevenoaks station will be worst affected with an average increase of 15%. There will be much said on this matter we are sure in the coming months.

CCTV in Sevenoaks

Our CCTV cameras in Sevenoaks are a vital tool in reducing crime and the fear of crime in the District. The screens are constantly monitored and with nearly 100 cameras covering the district it should serve as a warning that those involved in criminal activity run the risk of being caught. The system is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by trained and highly skilled staff. It is operated and paid for by SDC. The effectiveness of SDC’s CCTV has been proved time and time again with the crime figures released in the press.

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership is also asking residents to advise the District Council, police or housing associations of any problems they may be experiencing, so they can be active in ensuring the District remains a safe place to live and work.

Fairtrade in Sevenoaks

Fairtrade are hosting an Open Evening at the Conference Centre, Sevenoaks District Council offices at 8pm on Wednesday 18th June, 2008.

For more information, please contact: Gwyneth Brearley at Gwyneth.Brearley@ukgateway.net or phone: 01732 762172.

Redevelopment of Blighs

“The redevelopment of the western side of Blighs could be a step closer after design principles for the site were approved by Sevenoaks District Council. In the coming months, the Council, which owns the majority of the site, will be consulting the local people to refine its concept designs, which includes homes and green open space, before a planning application is lodged and the Council enters into an agreement with a developer. About 90 underground car parking spaces are also proposed in the outline.” For more information on the proposals, please log onto www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/blighs.

New Mayor for Sevenoaks

Cllr Pam Walshe, who was our deputy Mayor last year, has been sworn in as our mayor and we wish her good luck and success for the coming year. Cllr Maurice Short was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

Sevenoaks MP short-listed for Commons Gong

Sevenoaks MP Michael Fallon has been short listed for a Commons Gong. He is fighting two Labour MPs and a Lib Dem for the title of Backbencher of the Year. Mr. Fallon is a hard-working and very dogged MP who really stands up for our corner at Westminster and we wish him luck with his nomination.

Open Evenings & Network Lunches

Our May Open Evening was hosted by The Crown Point Inn on 15th May and excellent canapés and wine were laid on. Our second Networking Lunch of the year was held at The Royal Oak Hotel on 28th May, 2008 and was also well attended by Chamber members and guests. Our next Open Evening will be held in July, details to be announced. We really appreciate the time and effort that our Members put in to host these events for the Chamber which are always very well supported.

WHY NOT BRING A COLLEAGUE ALONG AND INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER: EARN £10.00 DISCOUNT

Recycling

Did you know you can ‘recycle’ your old bicycles at: www.freecycle.org.

Sevenoaks District has increased its recycling levels from 10% to 33% in the last 10 years.

Sevenoaks Stag Theatre

Managing Director Matt Breckon at Kino appears to have the right approach to calming the tense situation which has developed over the past year with local art groups and it is encouraging to see that some of these groups will be taking part in the annual Sevenoaks Summer Festival. We will all give our support to the Stag and hope that this heralds a long and continuous, successful future for the theatre.

Refurbishment for Sencio Gym

The refurbishment of the Sencio Community Leisure centre/Chamber Member, is now complete and we are sure that the new equipment will be enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the staff who kept their cool whilst the refurbishment was undertaken.

Sevenoaks Summer Festival

This year we celebrate our 39th Annual Summer Festival with a bumper programme of events starting on Saturday 21st June until Sunday 6th July. There will be as usual a wide range of local groups and celebrity artistes with something for everyone, young and old. The lovely Summer Festival Brochure was designed by our own Chamber Member, Derek Griffin of Ditto and tickets for marked events can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre at the Sevenoaks Library. The Festival Fair Day will be held in Bligh's Meadow on Saturday 21st June, 10 am – 6 pm.

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.

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. The Chamber has been overwhelmed with the response to our request for new flyers and the membership pack is now more fully representative of all the members and the services they can offer.

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.

TO JOIN THE CHAMBER IT COSTS FROM JUST £8.33P PER MONTH!

Information on our Web Page

Perhaps you are not aware that on our Web Page under 'Links' there are many informative sites to log onto from CAB to Eurostar to Inside No. 10! The other local Chambers of Commerce are also listed.

FOR MEMBERS DETAILS DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR DIRECTORY ON THE WEBSITE.

EUROPAGES

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.

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.

Rogue Traders

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

Have you looked at the Chamber web site recently?

See the Links – on line business information "ONE SOURCE"

Citizen's Advice Bureau

For any advice on consumer issues, go to the Citizen Advice website, www.adviceguide.org.uk or contact Sevenoaks CAB on 01732 454443, email: info@sevenoakscab.org.uk.



Humour Corner

Before going to Europe on business, a man drives his Rolls-Royce to a downtown New York City bank and asks for an immediate loan of \$5,000. The loan officer, taken aback, requests collateral. "Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce," the man says. The loan officer promptly has the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping and gives the man the \$5,000. Two weeks later, the man walks through the bank's doors and asks to settle up his loan and get his car back. "That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest," the loan officer says. The man writes out a check and starts to walk away. "Wait, sir," the loan officer says. "You are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow \$5,000?" The man smiles, "Where else could I find a safer place to park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"



Please do not forget that the main function of the Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce

is being here for our Members and the business community. If you have any queries or issues, please feel free to pop in to discuss this or contact the office via email or telephone and we will do everything in our power to help and offer advice wherever possible.

Chamber of Commerce on the move

The Chamber of Commerce has very kindly been offered office space at The Chronicle in the High Street after Victoria Road was sold and we were unable to stay on as tenants. We feel that this will be a fantastic new location, mutually beneficial to us all. Hopefully all the details will be finalised shortly and we will move into the new office in August.

Charity Events

Saturday 21st June, 2008 at 7.00pm

Rockdale celebrate sixty years of service to the older population of Sevenoaks. They would be delighted if their supporters choose to join them in celebrating this occasion at their Black & White Ball at Wildernesse Club. Tickets £75.00. Dress Black Tie, Black and/or White Gowns optional. Phone Lynn Tier at 01732 458762 or email: lynn.tier@rockdale.org.uk.

Sunday 6th July, 2008 11.30 am – 6.30pm

Charity Cricket Match in aid of **Demelza Hospice Care for Children**

Martin McCague Invitation XI v Old England XI at Core Court Cricket Club Ground, The Grove, Sittingbourne. Champagne reception, lunch & afternoon tea in the marquee in the company of the Old England team. Auction and Silent Auction. Advance ticket £40.00 per person. For enquiries and tickets please contact Clare Emmett at 01795 845204, email: events@demelza.org.uk.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2008 - WELCOME

Demelza Hospice Care for Children – Laura Carey – hospice care for children. Telephone: 01580 714028.
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The Crown Point Inn – Angus McLelland – Pub/Restaurant. Telephone: 01732 810669. Email:
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Casualty Plus – Priyesh Sura – walk in casualty treatment. Telephone: 01732 741195. Email:
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