

Weekly News & Information:

17/11/20

Sevenoaks Markets are Open



Current government guidelines allow markets to operate for the sale of essential goods: food and grocery, household goods, hardware supplies, bicycles, pet supplies, newsagents, flowers and plants.

Sevenoaks markets remain open:

Wednesday Market next to the Bus Station: 8am till 2pm Saturday Bligh's Market: 9am till 4pm Saturday High Street Market: 9am till 4pm



This winter we are backing @Kent Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Campaign "Knock and Check".

Knock & Check is a campaign to reignite the community spirit seen during the COVID-19 pandemic and doing something small to help those most vulnerable during the winter months.

Small actions could make a big difference:

Knock on the door to say 'hello'

- Offer to pick up some food or add something to your online shopping
- Drop off a slice of cake
- Plate up an extra meal
- Share books or magazines
- Volunteer for one of our fantastic organisations in Kent and Medway
- Share details of supporting services

Remember to follow Government guidelines on social distancing to keep communities safe from COVID-19.

- Keep a 2m distance, staying outdoors at all times
- Wash your hands before and after a visit
- Wear a face mask

To find out more about how you can take part, visit www.kentcf.org.uk/knockandcheck

#knockandcheck #Kent #KCC





Contact Us:

Please feel free to contact us and let us know of any useful information which we can share with our community.

Contact: admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Sevenoaks Bookshop Recommends Books for Christmas







Click here for the Full Christmas List

There are lots of Christmassy-themed books in both lists, but also plenty of what we consider to be some of the best books published over the past few months.



Christmas gift wrap service and now available. Christmas cards also available to order from our <u>online shop</u>.



Reset. Restart

We know this is a difficult time for small businesses and business owners.

That's why with the British Library, we are developing a dedicated programme to support SMEs - all of which can be accessed remotely, wherever you are. Open to all business owners, especially those in the first years of trading, the 'Reset. Restart' programme can help you transform, future-proof, or grow your business through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

These online webinars cover ten topics to help you figure out the best way to transform or recalibrate your business.

Visit <u>https://www.bl.uk/reset</u> for details of the free programme and other events from the British Library and the Business & IP Centre national network. Our local Reset. Restart programme will launch next year.

Kent Libraries is developing its own Business & IP Centre (BIPC), which will join the national network. Look for more information in future emails and on social media, or send an email to <u>akl@kent.gov.uk</u>, or phone 03000 416438.



Olive and Oak

We are three ladies from Sevenoaks who made use of our time during lockdown to try and make it easy for local people to be able to gift locally sourced products. So we collaborated with lots of small businesses to create beautiful gift boxes. As well as supporting local businesses we know it's important to support the community as a whole so we have committed to donate a percentage of our profits to the fabulous **Friends for Families** local charity.

https://www.oliveandoak.co.uk/

If there isn't a box that exactly suits your needs, please feel free to contact us on <u>chloe@oliveandoak.co.uk</u> or 07515 918465 and we can make a bespoke box.

Char, Charmaine and Chloe x







Help create a magical walking trail to light up our Neighbourhood

27 November to 31 December 2020

Sevenoaks' first Window Wanderland needs you to help create some visual magic to brighten up the long winter evenings.

What is it?

Window Wanderland is an uplifting, family-friendly event, where businesses, residents, groups and schools can create a display for their window, door or garden. These individual windows across the town will transform our streets into dazzling galleries and the beauty of Sevenoaks' unique community spirit will be showcased and ablaze for all to see.

Once you've created your window display and it can be seen from the road, local residents can enjoy your creativity. The event is fun, creative, inclusive and spreads a little joy.

How can you get involved?

- Promoting this event
- Making a window display
- Light up your window display from 6 to 9pm from 27th November to 31st December
- Go to Sevenoaks Window Wanderland event page at sevenoakswindowwanderland-2020 for ideas
- Register on the website, get yourselves on the Sevenoaks trail map, receive a welcome pack, and become a windowmaker!

Please contact Alison at council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk if you'd like more information or have any queries.





Join us for a free, family day out this Christmas.

Bet you haven't heard about Albert Claus, well he's just as important as his famous brother and he's missing! The fate of the Spirit of Christmas is at stake!

We need you to speak to the 10 Christmas 'Spirits' and find out what has happened to Albert.

Will you help us save Christmas?

See the merry Christmas characters burst to life by simply :

- 1. Scanning the QR code below to start
- 2. Hunt down the characters using the map
- 3. See them burst to life by scanning their QR codes with your smartphone
- 4. When you've found them all read the free Christmas adventure eBook

ChristmasSpiritTrail.com





Town Team

Café on the Vine The Café on the Vine Remains open for its Winter hours.



open every day of the week during COVID-19 lockdown Mondays: 10:00am till 3:00pm Tues-Fri: 8:30 till 3:00pm

For pre-ordering and cakes made to order: Email: **vinecafe@sevenoakstown.gov.uk** Telephone: **01732 452410**

Garden Recycling Bags now being sold at the café