



**Come see what your  
local market has to  
offer today...**

**1st May - 30th June**

9am - 4pm Monday - Saturday

**Buckhurst  
Lane Car Park  
TN13 1HW**



With seating/dining area – Wide Range of Local Traders – Open Air Entertainment Contact: [council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk) for more info



Property expert Amanda Lamb is back to help  
those dreaming of going mortgage free in a new series of  
**My Mortgage Free Home** for HGTV

Whether you're planning on swapping busy urban life for the idyllic countryside or are determined to ditch the debt and spend more time with loved ones, we are all ears. If you are ready to pack up, sell on and look to a brighter future being mortgage free then please get in touch with Raise the Roof productions on:

[mortgage@raisetherooftproductions.com](mailto:mortgage@raisetherooftproductions.com)

Please note that to apply you must own your own home.

All communications will take place remotely and we will conduct any initial interviews over telephone or video call. We do not need to visit your home at the moment and any filming that takes place will be in adherence to government guidelines. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Please click on our privacy policy for more information about how we process your data <http://raisetherooftproductions.com/information/privacy/>





## **MAYOR OF SEVENOAKS 2021/2022**

Councillor Dr Merilyn Canet has been elected the new Mayor of Sevenoaks on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Cllr Dr Canet is a lifelong resident of Sevenoaks and was first elected a Town Councillor in 1987 and was Mayor in 1992/93.

The Mayor's charity is the MS Society, and she will be working closely with the charity to raise funds and promote the charity's new local initiatives.

The Mayor is passionate about the local environment. Her green initiative is called 'Give it a Grow' - to encourage in interest in gardening, support wildlife and help the community to protect the local green environment. The green initiative will have benefits for all the community and volunteers are welcome to contact her.

**Further information: email [dtc@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:dtc@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)**

## Spring Mental Health Training & Workshops

We are delighted to share with you our [Spring programme](#) of training courses and workshops, all designed to help increase awareness of mental health problems, to provide support and to promote better mental health for everyone.

Are you a teacher or NHS worker? We are offering a **10% discount** on all our courses, please do email us [training@westkentmind.org.uk](mailto:training@westkentmind.org.uk) for more details.

It is crucial to maintain mentally healthy workplaces in an increasingly uncertain environment. For businesses we offer a tailored and bespoke selection of online programmes to support mental health in the workplace. Drop us a line at [training@westkentmind.org.uk](mailto:training@westkentmind.org.uk) to let us know what your organisation needs.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to one of our courses soon!

In these short online workshops, you will learn how to recognise the signs and symptoms, causes and impact of depression, stress and anxiety.

**Wednesday 12 May:** Understanding Depression 10am-11.30am

**Wednesday 19 May:** Understanding Stress & Anxiety 10am-11.30am.

Cost per person £40 per course

★ **Special offer: book both courses and save £10 (total cost £70)** ★

**[Book Now](#)**

**COME AND  
LET'S TALK**

Support yourself & others

UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION,  
STRESS & ANXIETY

ONLINE COURSES 12 & 19 MAY



[www.westkentmind.org.uk/training](http://www.westkentmind.org.uk/training)

# Help spread the word and keep gardens flourishing this spring

## Like us, you've probably noticed that it's not rained much recently.

In fact this month has been one of the driest on record with the south east receiving seven per cent of the average rainfall for the month. Just 3.5mm this month so far with the driest April on record reaching 4.8mm in 1912.

Although our water resources are in a good position going into the summer, with more of us continuing to work from home and not leaving our supply area for work or travel, we're seeing higher demand for water from things like toilet flushing and washing dishes.

With gardens now springing back to life following winter, we've compiled some top tips to keep gardens growing despite the low rainfall which we would love for you to share them amongst your communities and networks.

To help we've drafted some social media messages as well as website and newsletter wording which you can use on your channels.

We also have a range of images you can also download.

All you need to do is visit our dedicated webpage which contains everything you need.

[How to help](#)







## Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) scam

We have been made aware of a scam targeting the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme.

### What happens:

- You receive a message claiming to be from HM Revenue and Customs
- They request personal information such as Passport or Driving License to obtain an 'SEISS tax refund'.



### What to do:

- This is a **scam**.
- Forward text messages free of charge to 7729 and then delete.
- For advice or to report, contact [Citizens Advice Scams Action](#)
- If you're unsure whether it is HMRC, use the [checklist to decide if the contact is genuine](#).

## End of partnership with Checkatrade

Last year, we notified Kent tradespeople that the Trading Standards partnership with Checkatrade would end in March 2021 and that we launched our own [Trading Standards Checked](#) scheme in early 2020. We continued to work with Checkatrade until all memberships had completed on 31 March this year, and now Trading Standards Checked is the **only** place to find trader that's checked and vetted by Kent County Council Trading Standards.

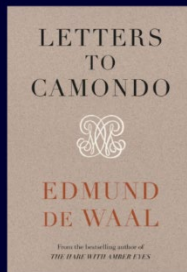
The Trading Standards Approved logo is no longer valid and traders displaying it are breaking the law.

# Sevenoaks Bookshop

## Upcoming Events in May

This May we're delighted to bring you some great events. A conversation with some of the brilliant authors (including a Booker-prize winner, no less!) shortlisted for this year's Orwell Prize, to the bestselling author of *A Very English Scandal* discussing his latest book on Robert Maxwell, and much more besides. We hope you can join us for what will surely prove to be some thought-provoking and inspiring conversations.

### Online Author Event



Edmund de  
Waal

Letters to  
Camondo

6 May 7.30pm

Illuminating family history  
from the much-loved  
author

[Book Here](#)

£18 - inc a signed copy of  
Letters to Camondo (rrp  
£14.99)

£8 - livestream only

### The Orwell Prize Longlist Conversations: Care

We're thrilled to have joined forces with *The Orwell Foundation* to bring you an evening in with **Douglas Stuart** and **Madeleine Bunting**, where they'll be discussing the political implications behind their Orwell-Prize longlisted work. They will also be joined by **Ciaran Jenkins**, a Channel 4 News journalist, who has been listed for his work on care homes in Scotland.

### The Orwell Prize Longlist Conversations: Care

Tickets: [Book Here](#)

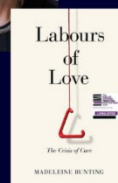
£8 - livestream only

£12 - inc a copy of *Shuggie Bain*

or *Labours of Love*

£20 - inc both books

### Online Author Event



Douglas Stuart &  
Madeleine Bunting

The Orwell Prize  
Longlist  
Conversations:  
Care

Tuesday 11 May  
7pm

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Join us for a fascinating evening in with author and journalist Max Hastings, where he'll be discussing his latest book *Operation Pedestal - The Fleet that Battled to Malta 1942*.

**Online Author Event**



**Max Hastings**

**Operation Pedestal**

**13 May 7.30pm**

New account of the dramatic WWII naval drama

[Book Here](#)

**£25 - inc a signed copy of Operation Pedestal**

**£10 - livestream only**

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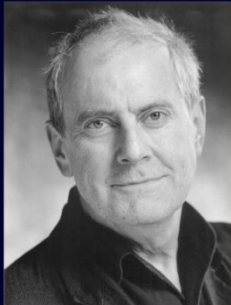
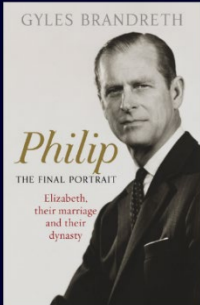
The extraordinary story of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh – the longest-serving consort to the longest-reigning sovereign in British history - told with unique insight and authority by Giles Brandreth, who knew the prince for more than forty years.

[Book Here](#)

**£25 - inc a copy of The Final Portrait (rrp £25)**

**£8 - livestream only**

**Online Author Event**



**Gyles Brandreth**

**Philip: The Final Portrait**

**Tuesday 18 May, 7pm**

## Bank holiday Refuse collections:

A reminder that refuse collections over Bank Holiday weeks will be as follows:

- w/c 31<sup>st</sup> May - refuse collections will run one day later than normal, from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>
- w/c 30<sup>th</sup> August - refuse collections will run one day later than normal, from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

## Locals to have a say on Sevenoaks sculptures



Residents are being asked for their views on two proposed sculptures for Bligh's in Sevenoaks.

The Council's Public Realm Commission is working with the art community and others to place a piece of public art outside of M&S.

Last year, artists were invited to come forward with their ideas for the busy Sevenoaks site and the Council received more than 35 submissions.

These were shortlisted down to two entries with the help of local artists, businesses and residents.

The first is 'Three and Four' by Oliver Barratt, a bronze statue inspired by coppice trees and hop vines that once grew locally. The statue's verdant green-base is a reference to the green buses that came and went through Bligh's when it was a bus station.

The other is 'Seven Oaks' by Simone Tchonova and Matthijs le Roi. The sculpture represents the oaks of Sevenoaks and is symbolic of climate restoration. Residents would be invited to have their own personal environmental message engraved on one of the 4,500 unique steel pieces that form part of the sculpture.

**Residents can find out more and have their say on the proposals by visiting:**  
**[www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/publicrealm](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/publicrealm)**

The survey will remain open until **5pm on Friday 14 May**.

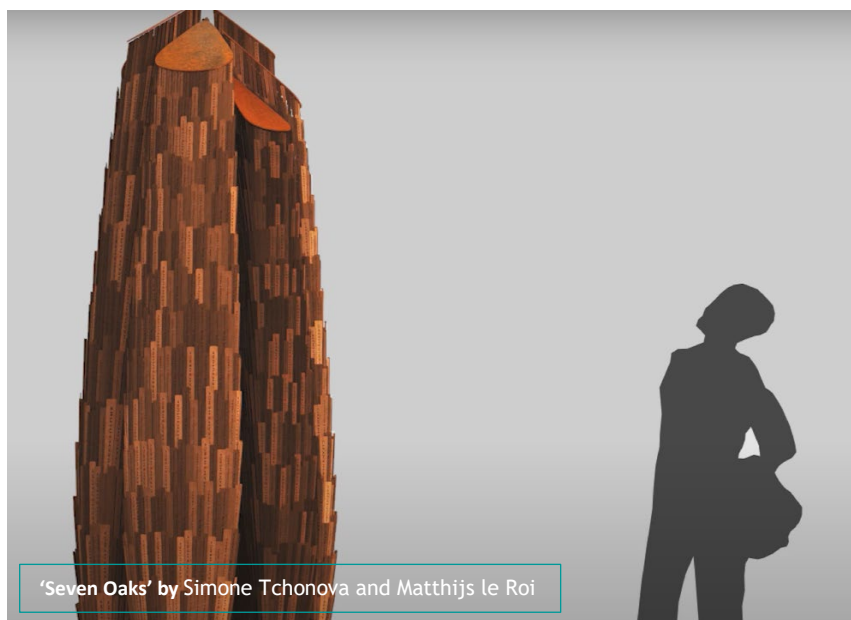
Cllr Roddy Hogarth, the Council's Commissioner of the Public Realm, says: "We are excited to be bringing public art to such a well-used location, right in the heart of Sevenoaks town.

"The past year has shown us that outdoor spaces are incredibly important so now, more than ever, we want to make the most of our public areas.

"We have shortlisted two outstanding options for the site. We would love to know what residents think of these proposals, so we would urge them to visit our website to find out more and have their say."



'Three & Four' by Oliver Barratt



'Seven Oaks' by Simone Tchonova and Matthijs le Roi