

Weekly News & Information:

13/10/20

Future of The Stag Sevenoaks takes enormous leap forward.

#HereForCulture

The reopening of the Stag in July (with the change in safety measures following new government guidelines), the support of Sevenoaks Town Council and the generous donations received from the public which raised £60,000 for the fundraising appeal, have enabled the Stag to continue operating for the first few months following the Lockdown.

It has been announced today The Stag Sevenoaks has now successfully won a bid for £444,395 from Arts Council England (ACE), securing its future until April 2021.

Stag CEO Andrew Eyre said: "This is fantastic news to start our week! We are very grateful to the Government for this lifeline and also a particular thanks to our Member of Parliament Laura Trott MBE who campaigned so hard on our behalf. We will continue pushing forward to safeguard the future of The Stag and it is a huge relief to be awarded this money."

MP Laura Trott said: "This is truly brilliant news and apt recognition of the enormous amount of work the town council, district council and leadership of The Stag have put in to keeping the theatre going in this difficult period. Today's grant will undoubtedly provide a lifesaving boost, so that the theatre can continue playing a vital role in our community. For nearly 90 years, the Stag has been at the beating heart of Sevenoaks. I am excited that today we are now one step closer to it surviving another 90 years."

The ACE Sustainability Fund is part of the Government's £1.57 Billion Cultural Recovery Fund support package for arts organisations at risk of closure due to Covid-19.

The Stag lost around £250,000 during the lockdown and the slow recovery of its business since the venue was allowed to reopen has dented its revenue even further. Without substantial support, the not for profit charity organisation was likely to close after Christmas.

Films are shown everyday at The Stag's two screen cinema and the theatre reopened to live events back in September. There is a series of big name shows planned for a special reopening season throughout October and November with the professional pantomime Jack and the Two Metre Beanstalk, set to run from 18th December into 2021.

Contact Us:

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

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STAG THEATRE

IT'S TIME TO COME BACK INSIDE...



The producers of Live On The Vine have teamed up with The Stag to bring a dazzling array of big name talent to Sevenoaks. From mid October, all the way to the end of the Covid-safe panto season, The Stag is one of the safest places to be.











World Cup of Stations



GROUP STAGES



11 regional
and national
groups of 4
stations each,
plus National
Rail Awards 2020
Best Station
winners x4

Thursday 15 October SEMI-FINALS

NORTH

- Scotland
- North East
- North West

EAST

- East Midlands
- East
- Yorkshire & The Humber

WEST

- West Midlands
- South West
- Wales

SOUTH

- South West
- South East
- Best Station winners

THE FINAL



North WINNER



East WINNER



West



WINNER



South
WINNER

WINNER ANNOUNCED

#StationsDay



Winner of World Cup of Stations 2020

THE WORLD CUP OF STATIONS

By Friday 16th October, this year's competition will be whittled down to a final four with one of Britain's 2,579 railway stations named the nation's favourite on Friday evening.

To help you keep track of your station's progress you can also download a wall chart for the World Cup of Stations here.

On behalf of our station teams at each three locations, I would like to thank you for any support can provide.

Southeastern stations through to last 48

Out of more than 2,500 stations, all three qualifying Southeastern stations have progressed to the next round.

In the South East region, **Sevenoaks** has reached the final four, alongside Aylesbury, Sandown and Hedge End.

Your local station needs your support today

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