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WINNER

**Independent Bookshop  
of the Year**

SEVENOAKS BOOKSHOP

*Sevenoaks Bookshop*

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## Congratulations to **Sevenoaks Bookshop**, Crowned 'Independent Bookshop of the Year'

Kent's Sevenoaks Bookshop, the South-east England category winner, takes the overall prize. The store is now well into its eighth decade, but it won't have faced a year as tough as 2020. Its small but indefatigable team responded to the challenges of lockdowns, moving to web, phone and e-mail orders during months of closure and dispatching around 3,500 books to loyal customers—many of them personally delivered by foot and bike. Click-and-collect and Bookshop.org added more sales channels. Events moved online too, including book clubs on Facebook and author events on Zoom.

The tumultuous year showed how this, and other independent bookshops sit at the heart of their communities' cultural and social lives. Somehow, Sevenoaks Bookshop ended 2020 in sales growth, having not furloughed a single bookseller. It also emerged into 2021 twice the size it was before the pandemic, having taken over adjacent premises and launched a dedicated children's area—a sign of great confidence for the future.

"I'm full of praise and wonder for Sevenoaks' team," said one British Book Awards judge. "It's easy to forget how scary things were at the start of the pandemic, and the creativity and fortitude they have shown is amazing," said another. "To expand at a time when the high street is hunkering down is astounding... the love and enthusiasm for books shines through and inspires us all."

**Congratulations to the Sevenoaks Bookshop team.**

## **Our popular guitar course is back!**

Following on from our successful 'guitar for beginners' course earlier in the year, we'll now be holding our second course 'beginners plus'.

If you were on our beginners course and want to carry on learning guitar, or if you've had guitar lessons before and just want to pick it back up, this is the course for you!

**The course starts Monday 24 May at 6pm. For more details, visit**

[www.westkent.org/freecourse](http://www.westkent.org/freecourse)

# WestKent



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Latest news and updates for UK industry

14 May 2021

## Latest updates for businesses affected by COVID-19

The [heritage locations guidance](#) has been updated for Step 3 of the roadmap (from 17 May). Please see some key information below:

From 17 May, the following will apply.

**Heritage locations can open to the public.**

- This applies to indoor and outdoor heritage locations including stately and historic homes and castles, historic parks, gardens, landscapes, ruins and monuments. Locations can open indoor and outdoor facilities, including visitor centres.
- Guests can visit these locations in line with the legal gathering limits. Outdoors, people can only gather in groups of up to 30 people (unless an exemption applies). Indoors, people can only meet in groups of up to 6 people, or as a group of 2 households/bubbles (unless an exemption applies). Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a bubble.

**Indoor and outdoor activities and guided tours are permitted, but must operate within the legal gathering limits.**

- Activities and tours can be provided for a single permitted group of visitors (up to 30 people outdoors, or up to 6 people or 2 households/bubbles indoors, unless exemptions apply).
- Activities and tours can also be provided for multiple groups, provided that the organiser takes the required precautions and groups are kept separate throughout the activity or tour. Each group must adhere to the legal gathering limits (up to 30 people outdoors, or up to 6 people or 2 households/bubbles indoors, unless exemptions apply).

**The rules on meetings and events will change:**

- Indoor and outdoor events can take place, with COVID-secure measures and capacity limits in place. This includes business events such as conferences, trade shows, exhibitions, charity auctions, private dining

events such as charity or gala dinners and awards ceremonies, and corporate hospitality. Events permitted from Step 3 should follow all COVID-secure guidance, adhere to all legal requirements, and take all reasonable action to mitigate risk to public health. Capacity restrictions will apply to both indoor and outdoor events.

- In-person meetings can take place when reasonably necessary. However, businesses should not hold meetings for the purposes of gathering staff if they are not necessary. Business show-rounds, viewings and site visits can take place at heritage locations.
- Weddings/civil partnerships, funerals and other life events can take place, however restrictions will apply to some types of event. Wedding show-rounds, viewings and site visits can take place at heritage locations. You should check the guidance on [wedding and civil partnership receptions and celebrations](#) and [funerals](#) and ensure you follow any relevant measures.
- Further guidance can be found in the [section on meetings and events](#), the [guidance for visitor economy settings](#) and the [organised events guidance for local authorities](#).

#### **Hospitality:**

- Hospitality venues such as restaurants, cafes and bars can open to the public for indoor and outdoor service (and can continue to offer takeaway food and drinks). Restrictions apply, including measures on table sizes and how customers are served.
- You can find more information in the [section on changes to facilities and services](#) and the [guidance for restaurants, pubs, bars and takeaway services](#), and ensure you adhere to any relevant measures.

#### **Visitor attractions and recreational venues:**

- Visitor attractions and recreational venues can open both indoor and outdoor areas. You can find more information in the [guidance for visitor economy settings](#).

For more detail please see the full guidance which also includes information on [managing operations](#) and [managing visitors](#).

We will continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, visit our [Business Advice Hub](#) for practical guidance to help you operate in a COVID-19 Secure way during the pandemic.

**See all COVID-19 updates and guidance for businesses**

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# HOUSE IN THE Basement YOUTH CAFÉ

Re-opened Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Sevenoaks Town Council is pleased to announce that its Youth Café in the basement of the Stag theatre in Sevenoaks Town Centre has reopened. The operation of the venue has been modified to maintain Covid safe practices, as below.

## COVID-19 AND ATTENDING THE HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT YOUTH CAFÉ

- We need to limit the number of people who can attend, please 'book via facebook' with HitB if you wish to attend and to avoid being turned away if there are too many people.
- Current limit 7 young people.
- Do not attend the Youth Café if you are unwell.
- You will need to provide your name and contact number to be part of the national Track and Trace programme
- When you are at the café you will need to follow new rules including social distancing, washing hands, different use of equipment etc.
- Masks need to be worn.
- Opening Hours:

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| Tuesday   | 5.00 - 8.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 4.00 – 8.00 pm |
| Friday    | 4.00 - 8.00 pm |
| Saturday  | 2:30 – 8.00 pm |

For further information, please contact: [council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> May 2021



- **A new business?**
- **Fed up with commuting?**
- **Working from home not working for you?**
- **Looking for flexibility in your business accommodation needs?**
- **Wanting to work in a supportive business atmosphere and to meet like-minded people?**
- **Easy parking!**



**sevenoaks  
business  
hub**



## **Some of the reasons why the Sevenoaks Business Hub will meet your requirements.**

The Hub is newly established, finished and furnished to a high standard, offering a choice of office permutations with no fixed term. Accommodation options range from open plan hot desking, through reserved hot desking to private single desk office pods. Hires are available full day or half days 7am-1.00pm and 1.15pm-9pm.

### **Features and Facilities include:**

- Access 7am – 9pm, Monday to Saturday
- Meeting room for 8 people
- Great up to the minute connectivity
- Cycle parking and shower rooms
- Free on-site parking
- Electric vehicle charging points
- Kitchen with café area and break-out lounge
- Decked outdoor area with seating
- Easy access, with Sevenoaks Rail Station 0.9 miles, Bat & Ball Rail Station 0.4 miles, Service 8 bus service to the door and Go2 on-demand transport.

Business related functions can be hosted on a private or communal basis. The advantageous pricing includes rent, business rates, Wi-Fi, utilities, cleaning & maintenance.

The Business Hub is situated in Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3QG, home to Sevenoaks Town Council Offices. Sevenoaks & District Chamber of Commerce is based at the Hub and manages the booking system and other arrangements. The Council and Chamber are both keen to foster enterprise in the town and hence the motivation to provide a high-class facility offering total flexibility at very reasonable rates.

**Sevenoaks  
TOWN council**



**For more information visit  
[www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk)**



# Re-opening

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021!

At HITB Stag Theatre Sevenoaks

Come and join like-minded musicians and vocalists  
in a relaxed and vibrant music centre

Every Monday

5-10pm

We promote mental wellbeing in young adults 16+  
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# The Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery A Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum Artist led Space.



## It is Good to be back!

The 17th of May will be a busy day in The Kaleidoscope with SVAF artist's exhibitions opening in the Gallery and Museum.



### Kent Printmakers A-Z

17 May – 30 September

An exhibition of printing and typography in collaboration with printmakers from across Kent.

Free admission.  
Prints for sale from the artists.



### How to visit the Gallery:

- Entry to the Kaleidoscope building is via the welcome desk at the back entrance of the Library building, (on the Leisure Centre side) as a one-way system is in progress. Exit is via the front ramp.
- No booking required but do tell them you are visiting the Gallery.
- Eight individuals will be allowed into the Gallery, 7 if the artist is present.
- Hand sanitisation stations are throughout the building.
- Please bring with, you and wear, a face covering at all times (unless exempt due to a health condition).
- Please maintain social distancing at all times whilst you're visiting the gallery.  
Please do not visit if you are feeling unwell.

### Catch • 51 2724° N, 0 1909° E A Film by Benedict Bannister now showing on YouTube.

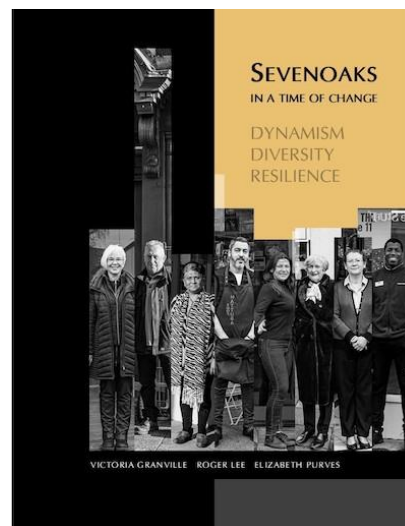
Kaleidoscope Gallery was approached by Benedict Bannister, a local film maker, who captured Sevenoaks High Street businesses as they emerged from lockdown and prepare for the future. It features talking heads from all aspects of Sevenoaks businesses. Running at 15 minutes it gives a compact view of the energy and enthusiasm of all the people willing Sevenoaks to move forward towards a bigger, brighter, and stronger town.

The 15 minute film 51 2724° N, 0 1909° E can be viewed at YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ed4WjzPka6Y>

If you missed the Kaleidoscope exhibition **SEVENOAKS IN A TIME OF CHANGE: Dynamism Diversity Resilience** in the Gallery, the book of the photography project by Roger Lee, Victoria Granville, and Elizabeth Purves is still available. Take a look at the show at <http://svaf.co.uk/sevenoaks-in-a-time-of-change-dynamism-diversity-resilience/>

The book containing **all the 240 photographs**, a historical appendix, a series of commentaries on urban change and a Sevenoaks policy framework. Running to 192 pages it is available from **Sevenoaks Bookshop** or the **Sevenoaks 2020 project**

website <https://sevenoaks2020.com> Priced £10.





# Sculpture Workshop

with artist Caroline Bugby

Sunday 23rd May 11am

Online over Zoom



Learn how to sculpt with cob  
- an ancient building material

Materials included - to be collected from:  
Sevenoaks Library, Friday 21st May, 2-4pm  
or Saturday 22nd May, 10am-1pm

The sculptures you make will be included in an exhibition of Caroline's art  
at the Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Gallery (in the Sevenoaks Library building)  
from 2nd - 12th June 2021

Please register your interest by emailing  
[carolinebugbysculptor@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebugbysculptor@gmail.com)

Sevenoaks kaleidoscope gallery  
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Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1LQ

[www.svaf.co.uk](http://www.svaf.co.uk)



# Luck & Limen Caroline Bugby

An exhibition of new sculpture  
and installation



June 2nd - 12th  
Kaleidoscope Gallery  
Buckhurst Lane  
Sevenoaks  
TN13 1LQ

The Artist will be present in the gallery on  
Thursday 3rd & Saturday 5th June,  
10am-2pm running a cob sculpting activity

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# Chevening

nr Sevenoaks,  
TN14 6HG

Sunday 13 June  
2 - 5pm

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## Benefits of adopting cloud computing amid a global pandemic



The disruptions felt from the global pandemic have not been felt evenly in many aspects of life and this is especially true in the world of work. This article discusses how cloud computing solutions have offered some companies a much needed life raft, whilst others have been left to sink without. The benefits of cloud computing will continue to be felt long after the pandemic subsides.

**Read more to understand how the cloud is the future.**

Switching to cloud computing can make you more efficient, mobile and scalable - you miss 100% of the chances you don't take.

[Get Personalised Assistance](#)





## Why not support Sevenoaks Samaritans with Samarathon this July?

Taking place throughout July, Samarathon is our month-long virtual marathon where you get sponsored to walk, jog, or run 26.2 miles over the course of the month.

You don't need to be a marathon runner to take part - moving your body is a great way to improve mental wellbeing as well as your physical fitness, and Samarathon encourages you to go at your own pace, in your own time, wherever you live or work.

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week why not encourage friends, family, and colleagues to get involved and raise money for your local Sevenoaks Branch of Samaritans.

## Where do I sign up?

1. Visit <https://samarathon.samaritans.org>, select the branch you'd like to raise money for (Sevenoaks) and a JustGiving fundraising page will automatically be created.
2. In addition, your name will automatically be added to your branch team fundraising page featuring everyone taking part, so you can see your miles and totals clock up together!
3. Raise £150+ to be entered into a draw to win a bundle of sporting goodies.

To find out more about how to support or volunteer for your local Sevenoaks branch contact [jphillips@sevenoakssamaritans.org](mailto:jphillips@sevenoakssamaritans.org)

See our Samarathon video [HERE](#)





## Shorts 4 Short Lives

### Wear your shorts and donate on Friday 25 June 2021

Demelza's second Shorts 4 Short Lives Day will take place on **Friday 25 June 2021** and we're asking you to wear your shorts and donate to help us raise vital funds!

When you have a child living with a serious or terminal condition, the idea that life's too short is more real than for most. Right now, this expression has more meaning than it ever has. Life is for living, and finding joy in every moment you can, spending time with loved ones, friends, colleagues and neighbours.

We need you to suit up in your shorts for Demelza for our charity awareness day on Friday 25 June 2021. The funkier the better! Dig out your most colourful and fun pair of shorts and join us for **#Shorts4ShortLives** in the office, at home on Zoom, in school or picking up your groceries! Think of it as a non-school uniform day for everyone!

It's free to register and we'll send you a handy **fundraising pack** with top tips, suggested wording and resources to make your day a real success!

[Sign up to #Shorts4ShortLives today](#)

We've got **everything you need** to help you with your day, including posters, a Zoom background and a sweepstake template. Do you work for a company or know people who do? Do your children or grandchildren go to school or nursery? Why not ask them to get involved too?

**Shorts 4 Short Lives Day** is fun for all ages and most importantly every penny raised will help us to endure this pandemic and be there on the other side for the families who need us.

**Go on, be the bees knees this summer and do it for Demelza!**

#### The Demelza Fundraising Team

**T:** 0300 365 3653

**E:** [fundraising@demelza.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@demelza.org.uk)





## New taxi style service for Sevenoaks District

From 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Search in your App Store for 'go2 Sevenoaks'



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office@go2now.co.uk

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## Go2 Direct is the latest addition to our Go2 services.

The world has changed due to Covid-19 and we are changing with it. Go2 Direct will bring a new personalised service to our Sevenoaks District Network.

There will be three ways to travel around Sevenoaks District using our services.

### Bus Routes

Your scheduled, timetabled, regular bus service

### Go2

Your demand responsive bus

New!

### Go2 Direct

Your private pre-bookable taxi

### FAQ

#### What is Go2 direct?

A more personalised door to door service.

#### Does go2 direct replace bus routes or Go2?

No, this is a new service designed to complement the existing network.

#### Will I still share my ride?

No- Go2 direct is private for you and up to 6 friends.

#### How do I book?

For the best experience we recommend using the Go2 Sevenoaks App, but you can still book by telephone.

#### What's different about Go2 direct?

Private, door to door, pre-bookable, premium service.

#### How can I pay?

Use the App or pay the Driver directly by cash.

#### How much does it cost?

More than Go2 but less than a conventional Taxi.

#### Where can I travel?

Anywhere in the Sevenoaks District.

#### When can I travel?

Monday to Friday 06:00 – 19:30 and Saturday 07:00 – 18:30.

#### What if I am a wheelchair user?

All Go2 Direct vehicles have the capacity to take 1 wheelchair user and up to 5 friends.

#### Can I take luggage with me?

Yes, all vehicles have ample storage space.

#### Can I book in advance?

Yes, bookings can be made up to 28 days in advance.

#### Is there a local booking point?

Yes, bookings can be made at Sevenoaks Bus Station in the Travel Office between 10:00 and 15:00 Monday-Friday.

#### Are there any extra costs?

No, the price you see is the price you pay. No extra cost for traffic delays, luggage, pets etc.

#### Do I get a discount with my concessionary Pass?

Yes, 20% discount off the full fare.

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