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SDAC News

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the summer edition of the SDAC newsletter. Hope you have been enjoying the lovely warm weather and hope the rain, although much needed, does not impact any of the upcoming performances.

There are quite a few performances as you will see in the articles within the newsletter, so please support and enjoy the varied options available.

There are still a few organisations who have not paid the 2025/2026 affiliation fee so please could you check and if you have not made the payment then please do so. Account details as follows:-

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Kemsing Players present Steel Magnolias

November 2025 – The Kemsing Players present STEEL MAGNOLIAS, written by Robert Harling.

Based on a true story, the American writer was inspired to write this comedy drama in 1987, as a poignant tribute to the loss of his diabetic sister from complications due to surgery. It premiered the same year enjoying a successful off-Broadway run..

Two years later, TriStar pictures bought the movie rights and Harling edited the script, transforming the play into a successful film. The cast included Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine, Olympia Dukakis and Darryl Hannah who played the six original characters from the play..

The story is set over a 2 ½ year period in a beauty parlour in the fictitious Louisiana parish of Chinquapin in the late 1980's. It tells the story of a group of women who regularly meet there and share their stories of life, love and loss. The bond between them supports them through the darkest hours and reflects the depth and importance of their friendship.

Moving though it is, the play is littered with Harling's clever words and witticisms which lift the mood at just the right times. It's a play not to miss.

Performance dates are 27, 28 and 29 November 2025 at 8pm at St Edith Hall Kemsing. The doors and cash-only bar open at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions available on Thursday night only) are available in person from Dynes Road Dry Cleaners, in Kemsing, e-mail at boxoffice@kemsingplayers.com or by phone on 07811 465061 from Monday 3rd November.

Situation Still Vacant – its not an onerous position !

We are still looking to fill the position of Secretary within the SDAC Executive Committee, could we please ask again if anyone is interested or knows of someone who could fill this position. Please, drop us an email at SDACweb@gmail.com.

Meetings are held around 6 times per year at the Bat and Ball Centre, Sevenoaks, (usually a Wednesday evening). Minutes need to be taken then emailed out, an agenda needs to be distributed about two weeks before each meeting and finally the arrangements for the AGM need to be administered prior to the AGM. Support will be readily available.

Kentish Opera

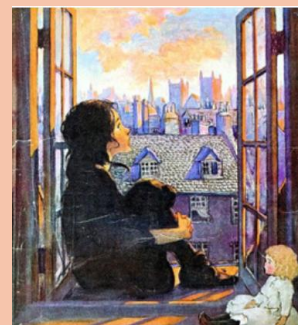
Myths, Magic and Phantoms of the Opera

Featuring professional soloists accompanied by a chamber orchestra, under the direction of Robyn Sevastos, and the acclaimed Kentish Opera chorus. Join us for an evening full of Ghosts, Queens, Water Nymphs, Sorcerers, Legends, Curses and Phantoms!

The performance takes place on Saturday 25th October 2025, Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks School.



Shoreham Players



The Girl in the Attic is a new adaptation of the timeless children's story A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett, who's other books include The Secret Garden.

Set in 1905 it tells the story of Sara Crewe, a loved little girl who has spirit, imagination and strength of character, all of which are cruelly tested in this riveting riches to rags story.

Performances run from 27th -29th November, evenings and Saturday matinee at Shoreham Village Hall.

More information at www.shorehamvillageplayers.co.uk

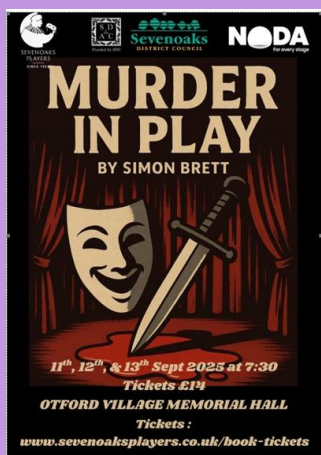
Sevenoaks Players

Murder in Play

For the Sevenoaks Players' next production, they are proud to present the comedy whodunnit Murder in Play by Simon Brett.

The play features a small repertory group, whose actors have more ego than talent, and a director with big ideas and a shoestring budget. This play will keep you laughing and guessing until the end!

Come and see us at Otford Village Hall on September 11th, 12th, and 13th at 7.30 pm. Tickets available at www.sevenoaksplayers.co.uk/book-tickets or via Ticketsource



Sevenoaks Music Club

Eight more wonderful concerts are there to be discovered at the Sevenoaks Music Club starting this September.

In the intimate atmosphere of the Ship Theatre, world-class performers give remarkable performances, starting with the welcome return of Leon McCawley playing Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin and Franck.

In October we have the internationally recognised viola skills of Milena Simovic and in November, the Calathea String Quartet.

SMC has been run by volunteers for 92 years and has a sparkling back-list of famous players, including Kennedy and Emma Johnston, to name but two.

Seasoning tickets are amazingly cheap and give a 40% discount on the single concert price. Tickets may be bought at the door or online in advance at

www.sevenoaksmusicclub.org.uk. Young people pay only £10 for tickets.

As always, SMC sponsors young players at the Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Competition in March and invites two of the best players to perform at the December concert.

Existing Club members are invited to bring a friend along free of charge for their first concert.



Riverside Players



Events

Darent Valley Choir – Autumn Concert 2025 – The Darent Valley Choir Autumn Concert will take place in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Farningham at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th December. Further details to follow.

Eynsford Concert Band – Swanley Fireworks Spectacular Friday 22nd August – Join us at this annual summer evening of family fun with popular entertainment, food & stalls at Swanley Park – Free entry – entertainment starts at 6.30pm – culminating in a concert of popular classics and 1912 fireworks finale.

Eynsford Concert Band – Festival of Remembrance – Saturday 1st November 6pm – Join us at Rochester Cathedral for a concert to commemorate Remembrance and the end of World War 2 along with the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and Dunkirk. Tickets £20, students and under 16's £5, available from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-of-remembrance-2025-tickets-1323647137219. All proceeds in aid of the Royal British Legion, Royal British Legion Industries and the Army Benevolent Fund.