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SDAC News

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday 25th September we held our Annual General Meeting in the Council Chamber, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and Alan, our Chairman, had realised that this year it is the 50th anniversary of the formation of the SDAC, as a separate entity from the SDC! Usually we welcome our friends from the Council who are assigned to us each May, but, although many came to a Scrutiny Meeting held in July with Alan and Doreen, Cllr Christine Hudson, a member of our EC as rep of Swanley and District Arts Society, was the only one there. We were delighted that she brought along Cllr Laurence Ball, Chairman of the SDC this year, to what was a lively meeting.

Bryan Richardson, who has been our Applications Secretary, for more years than we can remember, is retiring and our Vice-Chair Darren Coleman takes his place. Doreen, who as you know is standing down as Hon Secretary after 16 years, (job still vacant) but will continue on the Exec. Committee as the rep for Sevenoaks Players. Alan presented them both with flowers and a goodies hamper each with thanks and gratitude for their work.

Fourteen reports were read out at the meeting by the reps present and it ended with a gathering afterwards to chat and share coffee together..... and Alan's delicious "50" cake!

If you haven't paid this years' affiliation fee then there is still time to pay – account details as follows:-

SDAC Account - Sort Code -20 76 55 - A/C number- 00811777

Email – SDACweb@gmail.com :



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Website - sevenoaksdistrictartscouncil-sdac.com

Situation Vacant

We still have the position of Secretary to be filled within the SDAC Executive Committee, could we please ask if anyone is interested or knows of someone who could fill this position then please let us know, 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.

Sevenoaks Players Present

Christmas characters abound!

!Book your tickets today for a night that promises to be full of Christmas fun and spirit. A cabaret-style Christmas show with a bar open throughout selling festive drinks and snacks.



Buy now at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/7oaksplayers

Shoreham Village Players Present - One Man Two Guv'nors

21-23 November, 7.30pm in Shoreham Village Hall

Our next production is the hilarious farce *One Man Two Guv'nors*. It follows the adventures - or probably more accurately misadventures - of the hapless, hopeless and hungry Francis Henshall as he attempts to manage the chaos of working for two guvnors. There's mistaken identity, thwarted love, accident-prone waiters and dodgy gangsters aplenty. Do join us for what promises to be an uproarious evening.

Tickets available from

www.shorehamvillageplayers.co.uk



Early Days of Photography in Sevenoaks

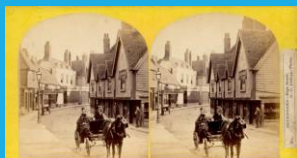
A display by Derek Medhurst on the
Kaleidoscope Mezzanine

Wednesday 20th November to Saturday 7th
December

Arising from an abiding interest - over many decades - in all things photographic, I have collected photographs by early professional photographers in and around Sevenoaks. The collecting habit led to researching their working lives. Although there were amateur photographers in the area, I focused most research on professionals as there is at least some publicly available information about them.



The first permanent studio in Sevenoaks,
opened in 1864



Stereocard by H G Inskipp

I will be displaying a selection of scanned & enlarged photos – a mixture of scenic and portrait images – along with some biographical notes about the photographers to give a flavour of the growth of the photographic trade in Sevenoaks in the 19th and early 20th centuries.



By James Stanger

My lifelong interest in photography started from simply taking pictures. Over the years my fascination has extended from simply taking 'standard' two-dimensional photos to both taking and collecting stereo 3D images and latterly to delving into this aspect of local history.

I am a long-time member of Sevenoaks Camera Club, and of the Stereoscopic Society and Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum.



By Henry Essenhigh Corke FRPS

Westerham Amateur Dramatic Society

WADS have come together to stage the much loved story by J M Barrie of Peter Pan, the boy who never grew up. Come and join us in a spellbinding fantasy as Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, with the help of lashings of pixie dust, take Wendy, John, and Michael to the magical world of Neverland for the adventure of a lifetime. Meet all your favourite characters, the notorious Captain Hook with his evil band of pirates, the feisty Tiger Lily and her Picallily Tribe, and of course lots of Lost Boys, Mermaids and Fairies. So just take the second star on the right and go straight on till morning and come and join us in an awfully big and magical adventure.



30th November - 7th December
8:00pm and 2:30pm
Westerham Hall

Tickets: www.wads.info



Darent Valley Choir

 **Darent Valley Choir**
Musical Director, Vicky Dowsett
Accompanist, Jenny Smith

"Christmas is Coming"
Saturday 30th November 2024



St Peter and St Paul's 7.30 pm
High St, Farningham, DA4 1DG

ADMISSION £12 (Under 18s FREE)
Tickets from choir members, on the door or
email: darentvc@gmail.com
Bar available (donations)

"My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us; the world is full of it." Edward Elgar
Patrons: Sarah Hart Dyke and Rupert Bond

Temenos Chamber Choir

Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm in St John's Church, Hildenborough. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's death and the 150th anniversary of the birth of his pupil Gustav Holst, we offer a feast of music by two giants of the English choral tradition.

Temenos director Patrick Craig has chosen Stanford's glorious double-choir *Latin Magnificat*, followed by *I heard a voice from Heaven* and *God and the Universe*; his Three English motets, which include the exquisite *Eternal Father*; and the much-loved Three Latin motets - *Beati quorum via*, *Iustorum animae* and *Coelos ascendit*.

From Holst's extensive repertoire we will perform *The Evening-Watch*, *Sing me the men*, *Nunc dimittis* and the glorious 8-part *Ave Maria*. Patrick will also sing Stanford's beautiful *To the Soul* and Holst *The heart worships*.

Tickets £15 (£7 students). Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk, in person at Sevenoaks bookshop, or ring 01959 523765.

Kemsing Village Players

INCORRUPTIBLE

By MICHAEL HOLLINGER

A Dark Comedy About The Dark Age

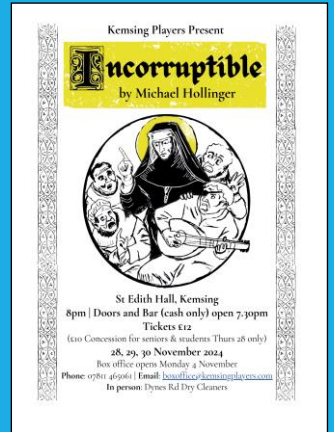
Welcome to Priseux, France, c.1250A.D. The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground, and St Foy, the patron saint of the local monastery hasn't performed a miracle in thirteen years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look pretty dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of Saint Foy – and 'their' bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to fill their coffers.

28,29,30 November, 2024 St Edith's Hall, Kemsing 8pm.

Doors & Bar open 7.30pm

Tickets £12 and £10 concession on Thursday.

Tickets available by phone 07976 835895 or email boxoffice@kemsingplayers.com



Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Competition 2025

The 2025 Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Competition will be held on Sunday 9 March in the Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall School, Sevenoaks.

The Competition is open to instrumentalists between the ages of 12 and 21 years, who are grade 8 standard and above, and up to 16 young musicians will each play a 15-minute recital in front of an audience and two judges, Timothy Barrett and Nancy Litten. Performances start at 10.30pm, and the adjudication and presentation of prizes will be at approximately 5.30-6.00pm.

Organised by Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, the Competition has been in existence since 1995 and has become an important and prestigious part of the Sevenoaks music scene. Prizes to be awarded are: the first prize – a cash prize of £1,000 plus the opportunity to play a concerto with the Lydian Orchestra; £500 to the runner-up; and a third prize of £200. In addition, the Sevenoaks Music Club will present prizes of £75 each to the second and third prize winners.

Tickets at £10 are available on a come-and-go-as-you-please basis and are available at the door or from ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-three-arts-festival (accompanied under-16s free).

Office Suite

by Alan Bennett

– two plays, full of wry humour:



Green Forms: Doris and Doreen are comfortably installed in an obscure department of a large organization. On a normal day they keep busy by flirting with nice Mr. Tidmarsh in Appointments or pursuing their feud over a plug with Mr. Cunliffe in Personnel. This is not a normal day. Someone has an eye on them and a shadow is falling across their tranquil lives.

A Visit From Miss Prothero: Mr. Dodsworth has recently retired. Sitting at home, he is contemplating his life and achievements with quiet satisfaction. There is a sharp ring at the door. His former secretary has come to ruin it all. Ironic wit and compassion mark this touchingly real story.

Director: David Street Cast:

Carol Arman-Addey, Margaret Bown, Peter Harris, Yvonne Hegarty, John Wilson.

20 – 23 November 2024 at 7.45pm at Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road, Hartley DA3 8EL.

Tickets £12

Book online at <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/hartleyplayers/> (no booking fee).

If you wish to book a space for a wheelchair or have any questions or you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Box Office Manager on 0845 260 2545.

All profits will go to ADSS (Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services).

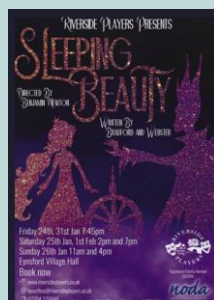
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd

www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Riverside Players

Riverside Players present Sleeping Beauty, Friday 24th Jan, 31st Jan 7.45pm, Sat 25th, 1st Feb 2pm & 7pm, Sunday 26th Jan 11am & 4pm. Eynsford Village Hall.

Boxoffice@riversideplayers.co.uk



Axstane Players

Proudly Presents This Year's Pantomime: The Wizard of Oz!

We're thrilled to announce that tickets are now available for *The Wizard of Oz*, this year's Axstane Players pantomime! Prepare for an unforgettable journey as Dorothy, Toto, and their band of friends take on the Wicked Witch of the West, braving all sorts of magical misadventures along the Yellow Brick Road. This fun-filled production promises plenty of laughs, music, and the classic panto magic that's perfect for the whole family.

Performance Dates all @ Farningham Village Hall:

Evening Performances: 31st January & 1st February, and 7th & 8th February at 7:45 pm
Saturday Matinees: 1st & 8th February at 2:30 pm

Adults: £12
Children: £10



Book Now!

Tickets are already selling fast, so don't wait! Secure your seats by visiting axstaneplayers.co.uk/book-now or call us on 07882 043567.

If you'd like to be part of bringing *The Wizard of Oz* to life and want to push your skills in set building, painting, or costume creation, we'd be thrilled to have you join us! We're always welcoming new members and encourage anyone eager to lend a hand. Join our set-build Sundays at Farningham Village Hall and be part of the creative magic behind the scenes. Interested? Drop us an email at axstaneplayers@hotmail.co.uk – we'd love to hear from you!

Events

The Darent Valley Choir (DVC) Autumn Concert will take place on Saturday 30th November 2024 at 7.30pm in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Farningham. There will be a variety of music reflecting the season and in particular Advent.

TEMENOS Chamber Choir - *I heard a voice from Heaven* - works by Stanford and Holst. 23 November, 7.30 in Hildenborough Church to include Stanford's spectacular double choir *Latin Magnificat* and Holst's triumphant *Nunc dimittis*. <https://temenos-chamberchoir.org.uk/index.html>

The Howard Venue – American Songbook Plus – 1st December 2024 - 7.30pm – Enjoy a night of music with The Colin Peters Set (seven piece band) featuring Sarah Jane Hassell with guests, there will be wine and nibbles. Tickets £15 – for more information contact colin@mr-pianoman.com or call 07866 495337.

Eynsford Concert Band – The Magic of Christmas – 4pm Sunday 15th December 2024. Please join us an evening of Christmas music along with our guests the Kent Youth Wind Orchestra. The Space, Sevenoaks School. Tickets £14, under 16's free, tickets from Eynsfordconcertband.co.uk.

Sevenoaks Philharmonic Choir – Handel's *Messiah* - Sevenoaks Philharmonic Choir are performing Handel's *Messiah* with full orchestra and soloists on Saturday 7th December at 7.30 at St Nicholas Church. It will be conducted by their musical director Robyn Sevastos. This event is always popular so early booking is recommended. Tickets, with various concessions, from choir members and www.ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaksphilharmonicsociety

