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SDAC News

Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to have so many groups sending details of their upcoming events! Please support them and circulate this newsletter to all your members!

As a reminder, don't forget to pay the affiliation fee of £20 to our Treasurer, this will then enable you to request support for your event if required as well as provide you with a platform to share/publicise these upcoming events to other groups through our newsletter and emails.

Patrick Michaels would welcome any payments to the following SDAC account:-

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Enjoy your planned activities, stay safe and support each other.
All good wishes from your editors - Sandra Lane and Doreen Pascall.



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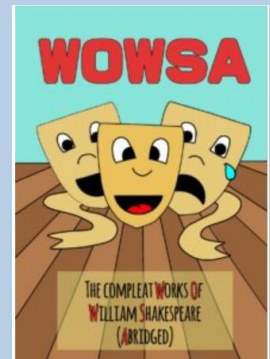
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Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society

Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society is forging ahead with its open-air summer show in the gardens of the White Rock inn at Underriver. Tickets are selling well for *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* the hilarious hit comedy by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Whitfield, a romp through all 37 plays in two hours!

Supported by Sevenoaks District Arts Council and Sevenoaks District Council, performances are on July 8th-10th and July 15th-17th at 7.45pm, with Sunday matinees on July 11th and 18th at 3.30pm.

Tickets are £13.50 in advance through www.sevenoaksshakespeare.org £15 on the door, children and full-time students £5.



Sevenoaks Players



A Variety Show Saturday 11th, Sun 12th September Otford Memorial Hall 7,30pm Tickets from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/7oaksplayers

Leigh Ladies Choir

Leigh Ladies Choir- *Songs in the Sunshine* Sunday 11th July From 4pm in Leigh Primary School Field, Lealand Avenue, Leigh - (bring a chair and picnic) drinks and a raffle by the Royal British Legion, Tickets from www.eventbrite.co.uk/153699714985. Doors open 3pm.

info@leighladieschoir.co.uk Supported by SDAC

Westerham Amateur Dramatic Society

We are still around and like many other societies have had a year in the dark, but instead of being totally silent, we have had zoom shows. Very different but trying to keep spirits up.

We are now busy arranging festive plays which, if the 21st June allows we will be putting on in December. Our Spring productions in 2022 directed by Sandra Barfield, are also in the pipeline. If you are interested in becoming a WADS member or be in one of these exciting shows, please contact our membership secretary - Judy Duffield - members@wads-web.net

A warm welcome awaits you, so fingers crossed we will be back on the boards this year.

“Why should we have all the fun?”

Kemsing Singers will shortly be having fun and singing again in rehearsals. Then we are at the **Oxford Fete on August 30th**. Do come along.

Our new season starts in September with our Musical Director Sara who is brilliant and keeps us all smiling.

We would be very happy if you could come and sing with us for a few weeks to discover how much fun we have before deciding to join. Find out more from Sara's short video "Who are the Kemsing Singers?" which you'll find at www.kemsingsingers.com. Do tell others about it and have a wander round our website to learn more about us. You can also follow us and share our posts on Facebook and Twitter.

Sevenoaks Music Club

Sevenoaks Music Club is delighted that it has been able to put on, belatedly, the last two concerts of the 2020-21 season. The first took place in May, and the second will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday, 3rd July, in the Assembly Hall at Walthamstow Hall School. It will be given by the Mamen String Quartet, who have won many prizes, most notably first prize at the 2019 Banff International String Quartet Competition. Their concert will feature music by Haydn, Ligeti and Beethoven. Full details can be found on the club's website: www.sevenoaksmusicclub.org.uk, where you can also buy tickets.

Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival 2021 Report

The 2021 Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival took place in the early part of June and classes were held in Speech & Drama, Piano, Singing, Woodwind & Brass, Strings and Accordion. Back in June 2020, with the first lockdown in progress, we ran a video festival which was one of the first such events in the country and became a template for other similar arts festivals in the region. Recognising the continuing restrictions imposed by the pandemic, in 2021 it was decided that all entries would again be submitted by video.

Classes were available for solo, duet and group items where Covid rules could be adhered to. The number of entries rose 30% compared with 2020, with over 200 young people and adults participating in total, from the age of 6 upwards. Entrants generally captured their videos on smart phones at home or at school, and once again performances were of a high standard, with a noticeable improvement in confidence in front of camera. This year, for a limited period following adjudication, entrants and their teachers have the possibility to view other entries in their class and, for some classes, a video from the adjudicator discussing the performances is also available.



Russell House Chamber Choir sing in the 11 yrs and under

We are very grateful to the Sevenoaks District Arts Council for their generous funding, which has enabled the Festival to replace the income foregone from having no audience ticket sales this year. We will be excited to return to a live Festival in 2022, and hope that the opportunities presented in 2020 and 2021 will have given children and adults alike a chance to learn a new and important communication skill, as well as having encouraged them to keep practising and performing.



Simon Ramet plays 'Pirates of the Caribbean' on his Roland digital accordion

Eynsford Concert Band

We are planning to start some outdoor sectional rehearsals next week in preparation for our first outdoor event (if lockdown is lifted hopefully in July!). Our first outdoor concert is still scheduled to be in Swanley Park for the annual firework night on **Friday 27th August**, gates open at 5.30pm with the band playing around 8pm. Our second concert is *A Summer Garden Concert* planned for outside Lullingstone Castle on **Sunday 12th September** at 3.00pm, so bring a picnic and the sunshine and we hope to see you there.



Sevenoaks Camera Club



If you wish to advertise your next production/concert/exhibition etc or would like to submit an article for the next Newsletter then please contact either Doreen Pascall (doreen@pascall.me) or Sandra Lane (SDACweb@gmail.com). Submissions required by 15th February/June/October. **We'd love to have your news and views!**