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FOREWORD

WHEN you need to find the telephone number of your favourite restaurant, the address of a local school or where to go to buy something special, where should you look?

You could wade through the pages of a directory or search the Internet. But how much easier and quicker it is to keep this little residents' guide at hand.

In it you will find a wealth of local references, neatly gathered together in easy-to-find sections.

It also has a street map on the centre pages, which can be invaluable when looking for an unfamiliar road.

This guide is designed for those who live in Sevenoaks or are maybe planning to do so. It will acquaint them with what the town has to offer.

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This newly revised *Sevenoaks Residents' Guide* is published every two years and is distributed free.

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HISTORY

TWO women wearing sun hats and summer frocks make their way on foot through the valley. They pass picnic tables, set out on the lush grass by groups intent on enjoying the best of an English summer's day.

The young friends choose a measured tread to avoid disturbing a herd of deer grazing under a burning sun on a glorious midweek day.

It is hard to believe that this scene of peaceful bliss can be found just a mile from the thrub of traffic passing through Sevenoaks town centre. This is Knole Park, an oasis of wonderful countryside and wildlife situated on the doorstep of an urban west Kent community, yet hidden from the view of the town's business and commercial interests behind giant oaks in 1,000 acres of parkland that once belonged to Henry VIII.

Knole, the mansion and the parkland, would represent the jewel in the crown of any town. It is hardly surprising then that such an enchanting house, built in one of the country's few surviving deer parks, should have played such a predominant role in Sevenoaks' history.



Knole Park

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found in the Knole Park. In 1200 the town developed a thriving local economy from the opening of the first street market. Hitherto overshadowed by the Great Manor of nearby Otford, which received honourable mention in the Domesday Book, Sevenoaks grew in importance to become a manor in its own right.

History books show that Sevenoaks made little impact on the region before the 15th century. But a decision by the then Archbishop of Canterbury to purchase the Knole estate, and the success Cardinal Beorchier made of his investment in 1456, was to play a crucial part in the future development and overall prosperity of this west Kent area.

The princely sum of £266 was given for the 1,000-acre estate; the town prospered from the outset, and Sevenoaks has been enriched by this lovely place on the eastern outskirts of town to this current day.

Beorchier built the great house that was eventually appropriated by Henry VIII from the reluctant Archbishop Cranmer, who was allowed by the King to continue his residence of the property. Later, Henry VIII passed the deeds and possession to Queen Elizabeth I, who subsequently gave the manor as a gift to her cousin, Thomas Sackville. The Sackville family still live at Knole, though the estate is owned, maintained and lovingly protected by the National Trust these days.

During the Civil War, Lord Sackville was arrested. Knole was searched but nothing found. Fortunately for the local community, Sevenoaks remained a peaceful country town, while the main battles raged at nearby Tonbridge where the Royalists suffered heavy losses and subsequent defeat.

Archbishop Beorchier is thought to have contributed money to the erection of St Nicholas Church, which was completed in the 15th century. The church, at the entrance to Knole, is a prominent landmark for any motorist wanting to find the narrow High Street gateway opposite that leads motorists and pedestrians into the park.

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A pavement plaque near the church commemorates the contribution made to early life in Sevenoaks by Archbishop Beausquier. John Donne, the poet, preached regularly at St Nicholas when service as vicar of Sevenoaks in the 17th century.

The town's motto 'Florum Septem Quercus' is considered something of a misnomer these days. It means 'May the Seven Oaks flourish'. In 1902 seven oaks were planted at the Vine to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII.

Unfortunately, the infamous hurricane of 1987 cut a swathe of destruction through the south-east, leaving six of the oaks ripped from the soil. The surprising decision to plant seven replacement oaks was made, leaving locals to ponder, but thankfully resist, a name change.

The development of stagecoach travel gave Sevenoaks a new lease of life. It became a popular hub for travellers journeying from London and north Kent to the coast. The Chequers pub became an important terminus and welcome refuge of those seeking rest from the hubbub of increasing traffic travelling between London and Eps, Westerham and Maidstone.

The building of the new railway in 1862 brought renewed prosperity and investment to the town. It became fashionable and attractive for home-owners to buy property and commute from the town to their office desks in London.

The fountain, at the junction of London Road and High Street, was donated by an anonymous benefactor in 1882.

For more than 40 years, Sevenoaks has been twinned with Remise, France. In 2000 Sevenoaks became formally twinned with Rheinfach, Germany. A Millennium Walk, created in 2000, guides visitors to all the town's historic sights, 11 of which are marked by plaques commemorating notable residents.

Today, Sevenoaks, a town of fewer than 20,000 people, retains its rural charm, whilst preserving its economic growth as a centre of light industry and commercial enterprise.

Few towns in the country have managed to stitch the need for change into the fabric of a glorious past better than Sevenoaks.

PEOPLE

Diana, Princess of Wales attended West Heath, Sevenoaks as a boarder. The head teacher of that time recalled a "lovely, loving girl", who excelled at dancing and field sports. She left in 1977.



Archbishop Beausquier plaque

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H.G. Wells wrote the first ever science fiction thriller "The Time Machine" when living at 23 Kerdley Road, Sevenoaks in 1894. A blue plaque on the front of the house commemorates his stay.

Charles Dickens, the famous novelist, rented an apartment in Scale House, near the Vine Tavern. Two of his daughters are buried in St Nicholas churchyard.

Jane Austen, master of understatement and irony in the books she wrote, stayed at the Red House. Her great grandmother was once housekeeper to the Master of Sevenoaks School.

Sir Winston Churchill purchased and lived at nearby Chartwell, Westerham.

Lord Jeffrey Amherst lived in Sevenoaks on an estate he named as Montreal Park. Once a page-boy at Knole, he rose through the ranks to become Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Canada between 1758-64.

Vita Sackville-West spent her childhood at Knole. She later moved to Long Barn in Sevenoaks Wood before moving to Stissingham.

Edith Nesbit, author of "The Railway Children", lived close to Halstead Station. She moved to Knockholt, where she witnessed men working to cut the great embankment at Halstead station and the long tunnel under the North Downs. The harsh working conditions influenced her decision to write "The Railway Children".



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The main buildings are the Great Hall, Old Chapel and Crypt, Tudor Chapel, Drawing Room with a particularly fine Jacobean fireplace. The gardens are extensive and well worth exploring. Visitors are given free introductory talks. Garden tours last just under the hour and a range of beautiful walks are mapped for the visitors.

Knole, one of the finest country houses in Britain, surrounded by more than 1,000 acres of parkland is habited by grazing herds of deer, is a magnificent shrine to Sevenoaks' history.

Knole has been at the very hub of Sevenoaks life for centuries, dating back to before the time of Henry III and Queen Elizabeth I, who both occupied the property. The Queen bequeathed the house to the Sackville family. Now owned and run by the National Trust, the Sackville family still has a major interest in the great house.

The house is built round a succession of courtyards said to contain a room for each of the 365 days of the year. The great house contains an uncollected collection of 17th century furniture in a contemporary setting. The best known pieces are the Knole seton. The King's rooms is also popular with the thousands of tourists who visit every year.

Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve comprises 135 acres with lakes, hides, walks and a visitor centre. The site is man-made, developed from a gravel pit, with every lake and pond excavated by hand. Located in Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, the reserve is open daily from dawn to dusk.

In recent times the reserve has been transformed into a haven for wildlife, including the great crested



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Riverhill House Gardens, Sevenoaks, built in 1714, is open mid-March to the end of June on every Sunday. Two miles south of the town on the main A225 Tonbridge Road, Riverhill is a sheltered hillside garden with extensive views. Many of the rare trees and shrubs were planted more than 150 years ago by John Rogers, a keen plant collector. It contains a bluebell wood, rhododendrons and azaleas with roses and rare shrubs.

Sevenoaks Millennium Walk offers a fascinating trek through local history, beginning at the library in Buckhurst Lane. The tour includes the house where H.G. Wells lived when writing "The Time Machine"; Blight, the 16th century farmhouse originally belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Old Market House, once the corn exchange and courthouse; the Shambles, once a slaughterhouse; St Nicholas Church, where poet John Donne preached when rector of the parish; Sevenoaks School and the Red House, once home to the novelist Jane Austen.

The **Stag Theatre**, Sevenoaks plays a major part in the annual Sevenoaks Summer Festival and is the main entertainment venue for other functions held there throughout the year.

Old Soar Manor, at Borough Green, is the remains of a 13th century house owned by the National Trust.

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Sevenoaks has a large network of sport and leisure facilities. From the historic old cricket ground, where some of the first matches were played more than two centuries ago, to the state-of-the-art Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, the town has a range of clubs and centres as good as any in the country.

Kent League stalwarts Sevenoaks Vine CC has been hosting cricket matches since the 18th century on its lovely old ground. The 19th century pavilion carries a preservation order.

Paradoxically, this historic old club has a modern approach to the game, with the development of junior players a priority.



Sevenoaks Leisure Centre

The town has two of the finest golf clubs in the region. Knole Park was opened in 1924. Set in 1,000 acres of parkland just off Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks, the club has a large membership and one of the finest deer herd's in the country. Membership opportunities for men and women are available, despite restrictions imposed to protect the course from over-crowding.

The Wilderness Club at Seal was founded in 1990. It was once rated the "finest" inland course in the country. The course is heavily wooded with tree-lined fairways.

Sevenoaks Hockey Club houses a pavilion with the Sevenoaks Vine cricket club. The hockey club was founded in 1911. The club runs 11 regular Saturday men's teams, of which three teams are veterans and one is a development squad.

Seven women's teams flourish, with one a junior development squad. Both men and women play National League hockey, including the women's indoor hockey team.

Indoor bowling is available at the Hollybush centre, run by the Hollybush Indoor Bowling Club.

Sevenoaks Tennis Club is the largest club in the area, based in Lower Rayleys Field, Plymouth Drive. There are seven all-weather courts, two of which are clay. Some of the courts are floodlit.

Public tennis courts are kept busy at Hollybush Recreation Ground. A floodlit hard court (also used by netball clubs) is kept busy at the Hollybush Recreation Ground. A floodlit hard court can be found at Sevenoaks Community Centre, Orford Road, Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, Backburn Lane, boasts a 25-metre swim pool, teaching pool, toddler pool and sports hall for many different activities. First class gym facilities are available and exercise studio and health suite units are popular with visitors.

The sports hall is multi-purpose, including crèche, café, catering facilities for special events and a martial arts area.

Sevenoaks School has been chosen as a pre-Games training camp for the 2012 London Olympics. The school's facilities will be used for a range of sports, including archery, athletics, basketball and fencing. The school has also secured status as a Paralympic training camp for archery, athletics, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair tennis.

Penhurst off-road circuit will host mountain bike training for the Games.

EDUCATION

A NEW academy has been given the go-ahead for Sevenoaks. Former secretary of state for children, Ed Balls, signed the funding agreement for Knole Academy in early 2010.

The new co-educational merger between two high schools, Bradbourne School for Girls and Wildemore School for Boys, has been hailed as "fantastic news" by Gordon Phillips, the head sponsor.

Educationalists at Kent County Council have said the Knole Academy will transform the lives of young people in the town and surrounding areas for generations to come.

Wildemore Hall, Sevenoaks is an independent day school for girls aged 11-18. Located in Hollybush Lane, the school has a fine reputation for delivering quality education in a happy environment.

Sevenoaks School has played a significant part in the town's life since its establishment in 1432. Today, the independent co-educational school, which occupies 100-acres of Knole Park, is rated one of the best of its kind in the country.

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HEALTH

THE first patients are expected to have use of the 512-bed new £280million Pembury Hospital in early 2011. The construction work rendered the site a blot on the landscape at the beginning of 2010, but from miles of steel scaffolding on site and the builders' rubble is expected to emerge a hospital that will revolutionise health facilities available in the Royal Tunbridge Wells area.

Construction company Laing O'Rourke report that phase one work is well ahead of schedule. More than 700 people are said to be working on the site.

The hospital is expected to become fully operational in 2012. It has been flagged-up as a "unique" hospital, the only entirely single bedded major general hospital in the country with a full admitting A&E service.

When the new hospital opens, the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells will close. A consortium, led by John Laing, the public-private development company; the Commonwealth bank of Australia; and Interserve, has raised the money to fund the scheme.

The project began with the demolition of the old Pembury Hospital in 2008. Some services were retained on site, but many were moved to Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone Hospital. All acute and emergency services have been focused on Kent and Sussex and Maidstone during the building work at Pembury.



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The new hospital will be one of the safest in the country. Local NHS estates development director Graham Goddard says: "Our highest priority is the safety of patients. We believe this will be the safest hospital in the country."

While the work has been in progress at Pembury, all acute accident and emergency services have been focussed on Kent and Sussex Hospital, Royal Tunbridge Wells, and Maidstone Hospital.

Less acute services are offered at Sevenoaks Hospital. A minor injuries unit treats patients between 9am-5pm every day of the year. The hospital specialises in rehabilitation for patients recovering from illness and injury.

Outpatients clinics are run here, and x-ray facilities are available also. Blood tests are carried out also.

Sevenoaks GPs have a reputation for being among the best in the country for opening early, late and at weekends for the convenience of their patients. Statistics demonstrate that almost 90 per cent of the West Kent NHS Primary Care Trust doctors have agreed to extend their opening hours. Full details of surgeries available in the area can be seen by dialling website www.westkentpct.nhs.uk

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Local stations nearby include the Hat and Ball, Danton Green, Eynsford, Kemsing, Otford and Sheeham.

The last census revealed that almost five million passengers started or ended their journeys at the main town station, and its subsidiaries. Passenger services are growing rapidly. It is estimated that 38 per cent more passengers are using Sevenoaks' area stations than a decade ago.

Sevenoaks Rail Travellers' Association (SRTA) aims to represent the best interests of commuters using Sevenoaks and stations nearby.

The town is handily placed for journeys to London Gatwick, London Heathrow, and London Stansted airports, and the ferry ports of Dover, Folkestone and Norehaven. The opening of Ebbsfleet to run in conjunction with the Eurostar terminal at Ashford International, gives Sevenoaks' travellers fast access to the continent by high speed trains passing through the Channel Tunnel.

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