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SDAC News

Dear Friends, Happy Easter!

At last we have some positive news from groups who are busy with plans for restarting their activities albeit with careful thought re distancing regarding auditions, performances and audiences! With lock-down gradually easing and the lighter evenings here there is an air of optimism around! We look forward to hearing your news so please let us know what you are planning!

As you know we have been busy working out how we, that is the SDAC, can become known to all types of Arts groups in the area and as venues open you will find handbills and posters in various places. Please refer people to our excellent website to find out about us and what we can help with.

You will be aware that Sevenoaks District Arts Council's (SDAC's) only form of income is an annual grant from SDC (Sevenoaks District Council) and from you, our Affiliated Members, by the paying of £20 per annum. This affiliation fee is payable from the 1st April each year. The income received enables us to help with requests for financial help in the form of a grant or underwriting for all arts groups within the District, while we are also promoting the existence of SDAC to reach a wider public.

As an affiliated member you can also let us know your upcoming events which we can share/publicise to the other groups through our newsletter and emails. As various groups start to plan to resume their activities, we anticipate our support will be needed more now than ever. So we look forward to receiving your affiliation fee for the coming year. Patrick Michaels our Treasurer would welcome any payments to the following SDAC account:-

Sort Code - 20 76 55 - Account No: 00811777

Stay safe - All good wishes from your editors - Sandra Lane and Doreen Pascall.



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Sevenoaks Camera Club Photographic Project

The Sevenoaks Camera Club continue to hold meetings and competitions using ZOOM and although this is no substitute for meeting up, it keeps everyone in touch. The Club will continue to be active on Zoom for the foreseeable future and is open for new members to join.

At the end of February, the club took part in a county competition which is an annual event organised by the Kent County Photographic Association and hosted by West Malling Camera Club. The standard of photography was very high and I am pleased to say that we came first out of the 13 clubs. It was actually quite close and only a handful of points separated the top 7 clubs. Many thanks to our representative photographers: Milt Ives, Sheila Sargeant, David Barker, Paul s'Jacob, Derek Griffin and Peter Humphrey who collectively secured our final score of 110 out of a possible 120. This is the second year in a row that Sevenoaks Camera Club has won this competition, which is a great achievement.

Congratulations to Milt Ives and to Sheila Sargeant for gaining first and second places respectively of the three individual awards given. Their superb pictures are shown below.

For more information visit the Club's website sevenoakscameraclub.org.uk

Graham Usher
Sevenoaks Camera Club



DIVE! by Milt Ives
A fantastic shot of a Kingfisher taken at



NATURE STUDY by Sheila Sargeant.
Nature in all its glory.



Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival

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JUNE 2021 - VIDEO FESTIVAL

I am pleased to announce that the Syllabus for the June 2021 Video Festival is now available on our website – www.sevenoaksthreeartsfestival.co.uk

Classes will be held in Speech & Drama, Piano, Singing, Woodwind & Brass, Strings and Accordion. Entries opened for solo and duet items at the end of February and have recently been extended to include groups, where Covid restrictions can be adhered to.

The closing date for all entries is 20 May and video performances should be submitted by 31 May 2021. Performances can be captured on any digital medium such as a smart phone and there is extensive guidance on our website about making and entering a video.

All entrants will receive in June an emailed certificate, a mark and an adjudication report by a British and International Federation of Festivals adjudicator. Although no Awards will be made, the names of those achieving Distinction or better will, with permission be published on our website. This year an additional feature has been included to improve the experience for competitors. Consenting entrants and their teachers will be able to view other entries in their class for a limited period following adjudication.

The festival has been delighted by the positive comments received from schools and teachers, who over the course of the year have had to master the practical and technical challenges of teaching in new ways. Although we look forward to returning to a live festival in 2022, in the meantime we hope that these opportunities will encourage and inspire children and adults alike to keep practising and performing.

Susan Day

Festival Secretary

Events Listing (green shoots appearing !)

We are back!

Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society proudly announce that they will be performing at the White Rock Inn, Underriver, Kent in 2021. "While observing Covid restrictions but in keeping with our tradition, we are shortly holding auditions for the Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged!) which is a rip-roaring, fast-moving romp through every play and sonnet written by the great man". Performances from 8th July - full details will be available later.

Sevenoaks Philharmonic Society are continuing with their Zoom rehearsals after Easter but hope to be able to spend a day rehearsing and performing an in-house concert in June. A more traditional concert is planned rehearsing in the Autumn and performing with an audience later in the year.

Eynsford Concert Band are continuing with various Zoom events, quizzes, talks by associated composers and we are also in the process of another video due for release sometime soon, so watch out for further news on this. We are also planning some outdoor events once lockdown is lifted and we can resume outdoor concerts in Swanley Park for the annual firework night in August and outside Lullingstone Castle in September, dates to be announced in the next newsletter.

The Sevenoaks Players are working hard to bring you four small productions in 2021. Starting with last year's cancelled production *Back On The Boards* on 16th and 17th June, followed by a Variety Show on 11th and 12th September. We are then hoping to bring you another of our cancelled 2020 shows: *When The Lights Go On Again* on 23rd and 24th October. We are planning to finish the year with a panto with dates still to be decided. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

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!**