

# HOLLYBUSH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## INFORMATION PACKAGE

These information sheets are aimed at new residents to the area but will, we anticipate, also be of use to current members; we hope that you find them helpful.

Following some general background on the Association, we have given a range of information about our immediate locality. There are so many things to do in Sevenoaks, that to include everything would be impossible. What we have done is to list the facilities in our area or those nearest to us.

There will inevitably be things we have left out or changes to contacts. Please let us know and we will include them in our next edition.

### Committee Members for 2010/11

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Your Road Representative is: .....

The Hollybush Residents Association was formed in 1989. The Association is open to all residents of the following roads: Park Lane, Vine Court Road, Avenue Road, Hollybush Lane (Park Lane junction to No. 29c), Bayham Road, Serpentine Road, Hillside Road, Holmesdale Road, Knole Road, Quaker Close, Seal Hollow Road (from Serpentine Road to Park Lane), Hollybush Close, Lansdowne Road, Serpentine Court and The Paddocks.

The aims of the Association are:

- To preserve and improve the amenities of the area.
- To protect and advance the interests of its members within Sevenoaks.
- To engender a community spirit.

The Association has a committee of ten people, from at least five roads. Each road in the area has a Road Representative who would normally be the first point of contact for residents.

One of the main objectives of the Association is to keep an eye on the major planning developments within the Hollybush Residents Association area, and to represent members' interests with the local Council and other bodies.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, normally held in November, the Association organises an open gardens event, a summer lunch with activities for children, and occasional community walks. A Newsletter is published three times a year.

## **Local Information**

### **Adult Education Classes**

- Adult Education Centre, Bradbourne Road. 01732 451618
- WEA (Workers Educational Association). 01732 454222
- U3A (University of the Third Age). 01732 461901

### **Advice/ Information**

- Tourist Information Centre, Library Building, Buckhurst Lane. 01732 450305
- Citizens Advice Bureau, Library Building, Buckhurst Lane. 01732 454443

- Volunteer Bureau, Bradbourne School. 01732 454785
- Sevenoaks Reference Library. 01732 453118
- Age Concern. 01732 454108
- Mencap. 01732 458775

### **Allotments**

- Quakers Hall Lane. 01732 461397

### **Bed & Breakfast**

- Contact Tourist Information Centre. Library Building, Buckhurst Lane. 01732 450305

### **Bus Station**

- Terminus for local bus services, Buckhurst Lane (opposite side entrance to Boots Chemist).

### **Children**

#### **Parent & Toddler Groups**

- Playtime. United Reformed Church Hall, St Johns Hill. Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am. Contact 01732 452925
- Mothers and Others. Vine Evangelical Church, Dartford Road. Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30am.
- Rascals. Vine Baptist Church, Park Lane. Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.00am. 01732 452905 or 01732 454524

#### **Playgroups & Nursery Schools**

- St Johns Nursery School. St Johns School. Kennedy Gardens. 01732 453944
- Vine Nursery. The Vine Pavilion, Hollybush Lane. 01959 522671 or 01732 453945

#### **Activities for Little Ones**

- Scamps. Babes dance & mime; 2½ years up. Vine Baptist Church, Park Lane. 01732 367020

### **Activities for children**

- Holiday activities run by Sevenoaks District Council are held at Wildernesse Sports Centre & Sevenoaks Leisure Centre. 01732 470700
- Barracudas Holiday Day Camps held at Walthamstow Hall for children aged 5 to 14 years. Contact 0845 1235299
- Sevenoaks School of Dance. Classes held at Walthamstow Hall School Sixth Form Centre, Bayham Road. Contact Amy Cornell. 01732 741957

### **Schools** in Hollybush area

- St Johns C of E School, local State Primary School, Kennedy Gardens. 01732 453944
- Walthamstow Hall, Independent Girls School, Hollybush Lane. 11 to 18 years. 01732 454277

### **Churches** in the Hollybush area

- St Johns C of E. Quakers Hall Lane. 01732 451710
- Vine Baptist Church, The Vine. 01732 740634
- United Reform Church, St Johns Hill. 01732 453405
- Quakers. Friends Meeting House, Hollybush Lane. 01732 455484

### **Cinema**

- STAG Cinema, London Rd. 01732 450175

### **Councils**

- Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road. 01732 227000
- Sevenoaks Town Council, Bradbourne Vale Rd. 01732 459953

### **Councillors** for Hollybush area

- Tony Clayton. Sevenoaks Town. 01732 451087
- Elizabeth Purves. Sevenoaks Town & District. 01732 463041
- Pam Walshe. Sevenoaks Town. 01732 454769
- Roger Walshe. Sevenoaks District. 01732 454769

### **Doctors** closest to our area.

- St Johns Hill Surgery, 39 St Johns Hill. 01732 747202 appointments, 01732 747203 enquiries

### **Dentists** closest to our area

- Eustace & Partners, 6 Dartford Road. 01732 452233

### **History of Hollybush Area**

- "Hollybush on the Map". Book produced to celebrate the Millennium by members of the Residents Association chronicling the history of Hollybush. Copies for loan and reference at St John's Library.

### **Hollybush Recreation Ground**

- Hollybush Rec. includes a large flat open area where children can play games, a sloping meadow planted with wild flowers which is ideal for picnics, a children's playground, tennis courts, an all weather hockey pitch, and an indoor and outdoor bowls club. The Hollybush Residents Association's Red Oak, which was planted to celebrate the Millennium and a sturdy wooden bench in the playground were both donated by the HRA.
- The Lodge next to the children's playground is open most days (varies according to season) for coffee, cakes and toasted sandwiches, 01732 458158. It takes bookings for tennis courts and the all-weather pitch.

### **Hospitals**

- Sevenoaks Hospital has a minor injuries unit, open 8am to 8pm seven days a week. Hospital Rd. 01732 470200
- Kent & Sussex Hospital, Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells. 0845 155 1000, for full Accident and Emergency Service.

### **Knole Park**

- Easily accessible from the 'Hole in the Wall', Seal Hollow Road, just up the hill from the entry to Knole Park Golf Club.

### **Libraries**

- St Johns branch library, St Johns School, Kennedy Gardens. 01732 456623. Small branch library with books, videos, FAX, photocopying and 2 computers with free internet access and word processing facilities. Open Mondays, Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30, Thursdays and Fridays 2.30 - 5pm, Saturdays 10 - 2pm. Note: **(Closed until further notice)**

- Sevenoaks Library, Buckhurst Lane. 01732 453118. Open Monday - Wednesday and Friday 9 - 6pm, Thursday 9 - 8pm, Saturday 9 - 5pm

### **Markets**

- General Market, behind Bus Station, Buckhurst Lane. Wednesdays 08:00 - 15:00.
- High Street. Saturdays by Chequers pub.
- Blighs Saturdays Crafts. 09:00 - 16:00
- Blighs Wednesdays Fresh Produce (subject to weather)
- Country Market, Thursdays. St. Lukes Church Hall Eardley Road 09:00 - 11:00 local fresh produce.
- French Market and Italian Market. Held occasionally. Contact 01732 886216 for dates.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

- Local liaison office in Tunbridge Wells. 01892 502159

### **Police Station**

- Akehurst Lane; access from High Street (opposite Lloyds Bank) or Buckhurst Avenue, adjacent to Waitrose's car park. 01732 771055. Open Mondays to Saturdays 8am - 6pm and Sundays 8am - 4pm.

### **Public Toilets**

- Bus Station, Buckhurst Lane.

### **Rubbish and recycling collection**

- Operated by Sevenoaks Direct Services. 01959 563544  
Public refuse tip at Dunbrik Depot, Sundridge (near M25/A21 access); bottle bank & clothes bank in car park adjacent to Sevenoaks Library (Buckhurst Lane).
- Refuse hotline 01732 227103

### **Sheltered housing**

- Hollybush Court, Hollybush Close. Unfurnished flats. Contact. West Kent Housing. 01732 749400
- Cotswold House, 12 Vine Court Rd. Unfurnished flats. 01732 457197. Run by English Churches Housing.

## **Shops**

- There is a useful group of shops at the Hollybush Lane/St Johns Hill junction which includes: pharmacy, butcher, greengrocer/grocer, launderette, newsagent, baker/cakes, dresses, carpets, hairdressing, beautician, music school/shop, photographer, cafe, tiling, Kitchen Bedroom studio.

## **Societies**

- Sevenoaks Society. Membership; 01732 461623
- Sevenoaks Historical Society. Membership; 01732 743863

## **Sports facilities**

- Cricket. Played on the Vine, Greatness Playing Fields and Knole Paddock. Further details from Tourist Information Centre. 01732 450305
- Bowls, Hollybush Indoor Bowls Centre. 01732 451889
- Football. Played at Hollybush Recreation Ground.
- Golf. Knole Park Golf Club, Seal Hollow Road. 01732 452150  
Wilderness Golf Club, Park Lane, Seal. 01732 761199
- Gym. Raleys Gym. Plymouth Drive. 01732 458614  
Sevenoaks Leisure Centre. 01732 470700
- Hockey. Sevenoaks Hockey Club. Plays at Hollybush Rec. 01732 453945
- Riding. Bradbourne Riding Centre, Bradbourne Vale Rd. 01732 453592
- Rambling. Sevenoaks Ramblers Assoc. Mem. Sec. 01732 461536
- Rugby. Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club, Knole Paddock, Plymouth Drive. 01732 452027

- **Sports Centres.**  
     Wildernesse Sports Centre, Seal Hollow Rd. Facilities include badminton, squash and tennis. 01732 451437  
     Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, Buckhurst Lane. Facilities include 25 metre indoor pool, learners pool and gym. 01732 470700
- **Swimming.** Sevenoaks Leisure Centre.
- **Tennis.**  
     Public courts at Hollybush Recreation Ground. 01732 458158  
     The Tennis Academy, arranges lessons for adults & children at Hollybush Rec. 01959 523377  
     Clarendon Lawn Tennis Club, Plymouth Drive. 01732 457696

### **Theatres**

- STAG Theatre. London Rd. 01732 450175
- Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall. Occasional productions. Phone 01732 454227 for details.

### **Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane**

- The Association holds most of its meetings in the school. The hall, dining room and Ship Theatre are available for hire. Contact the Domestic Bursar. 01732 454227