

APRIL 2019

Hello All

Spring is definitely here, we have had sun, April showers and even some sleet and snow this week. Not to worry if you are looking for somewhere to escape the showers you could visit the Café at the Station which is now open daily. They have a great menu (to view go to www.batandballstation.com). Apparently the most popular dish is the smoked salmon, avocado and poached eggs – sounds delicious!



NEWS

- RIBA South East Awards 2019

Theis + Khan Architects announced that Bat & Ball Station building has been shortlisted for the RIBA South East Regional Awards 2019. The Mayor of Sevenoaks, Councillor Hogarth says:

‘I’m very pleased for everyone involved in this project that it has been shortlisted by RIBA. Now the station has opened it has quickly become a valuable resource for the community. The original design has been delivered, which is not always easy to do with renovations and the feedback from the public has been very positive’

- SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Our first two school groups visited the Station mid- March to take part in a history workshop. They had a great time dressing up, weighing luggage, looking at a range of artefacts and learning about the heritage of the station building and people associated with it.

“The girls had a great morning, we could have spent longer there. Date stamping the platform tickets was good fun, the girls enjoyed the postcard writing and loved the train (hole) punch. Thank you we had lots of fun.”

Miss Richards, Year 1 teacher, Granville School

We received some positive feedback plus some ‘constructive criticism’ and ideas of how to do some things differently next time, which will be really useful for future workshops.



- ACCESS TO PLATFORM 1

Permissions are being sought from nine different Rail Planning Authorities. Currently an issue with Govia Thameslink is holding up the plans, however it is hoped the issues will be resolved shortly. Work on the ramp is hoped to start on 8th April and last for six weeks.

- FREE CAKE & HOT DRINK

We are about to launch a free prize draw scheme for National Lottery players. Visitors to the café can bring their used lottery tickets and enter a weekly prize draw to win a free cake and hot drink at the Café at the Station. For more information go to the website (conditions apply).

- WEBSITE - www.batandballstation.com

Keep up to date with news and events. Visits to the website during March were 542.

- HERITAGE TALK

A great turn out for Ed Thompsons talk about Bat & Ball Station on 21st March. Ed told some fascinating stories connected to the station and showed an array of photographs and images depicting the numerous changes to the surrounding area over the past 150 years. The Booking Hall was a great venue and created the perfect back drop to Ed's presentation.

Some of the content and images from the talk are featured in Ed's book 'Sevenoaks, a past to treasure' which will be available to purchase from the Café at the Station.



FUTURE EVENTS

- STATION ADOPTION TRAINING – Friday 5th April 1.30pm

As part of the Community Rail Partnership the Friends of Bat & Ball Station must “adopt” Sevenoaks Mainline Station (they have already “adopted” Bat & Ball Station). This involves a health and safety training which will last approximately 15-30 minutes. To take part in the training or for more information please contact Bonnie Tarling admin.tp@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

- HERITAGE TALK by David Killingray – Wednesday 19th June 7-8.30pm

A date for your diary. More information about the content of David’s talk will be posted on the Bat & Ball station website. Please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for your free ticket.



CAFE AT THE STATION
BAT & BALL



From 11th March 2019 the café will be open for the following regular hours, and in the future will be extended to include Sundays and might be further extended for evenings. We will also start discussions for regular pop up evening events in the building in addition to private hires.

Monday – Friday 6.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 2.00pm

For more details see
www.batandballstation.com
or call in for a visit – you will be most welcome



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If you have any news items to include in the next newsletter, please email Linda Redden, Heritage Engagement Officer heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by 26th April 2019.