

JUNE 2019

Hello All

Summer is here and we are looking forward to welcoming 8 school groups who will take part in history/science based workshops in June and July, along with a new team of enthusiastic volunteers who will be helping to deliver the workshops.

NEWS

- STATION CLOCKS

Those of you who are regulars to the station may have noticed the absence of the vintage clocks on the walls in the Café and Booking Hall. Both clocks were taken away to have automatic mechanisms fitted so they would keep regular time. They have been returned and now have new visually authentic workings - so no excuses for missing your train!



- VICTORIAN GARDEN

We have commissioned local garden designer Jo Jemison to create a plan and planting scheme for the outside spaces at the station. Anyone interested in getting involved with planting or maintaining the garden areas should contact heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

- **VOUCHER PRESENTATION**

Several young people and students took part in a survey about the new facilities at the station, with an incentive of one lucky person winning a £40 high street voucher in a prize draw. Student Hannah Laker, who attends Knole Academy, was the lucky winner and was presented with the voucher by the Mayor.

Hannah said, 'I think the new station building is lovely and I have enjoyed using the new facilities and I'm really excited to have won the voucher'.

All survey results are in the Evaluation Report – April 2019, available on the website http://www.batandballstation.com/Evaluation_Report_-_April_2019_26072.aspx



The Mayor and prize winner Hannah at Bat & Ball Station (left)



Bat & Ball Station stand at the Wellbeing Show, The Stag Plaza (right)

- **WELLBEING SHOW**

Bat & Ball Station 'vintage' display created a lot of interest at the Wellbeing Show on 17th May. The show, which was attended by 150+ people, was an excellent opportunity to promote the station facilities and talk to people about volunteer opportunities and the benefits volunteering can have on your wellbeing. For more information about volunteering look on the website www.batandballstation.com

FUTURE EVENTS

- Wednesday 19th June 7-8.30pm - HISTORY TALK by Prof. David Killingray

This illustrated talk looks at the impact that the railway had on Sevenoaks and how not all turned out as was hoped.

- Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June, 10am-4pm

EXHIBITION - 'RESTORATION STATION – The Renaissance of Bat & Ball Station 2018-19'

Members of Sevenoaks Camera took more than 1,500 photographs to record the restoration of the Station. This exhibition includes a selection of images showing the unusual characteristics of the building, conservation processes and portraits of the construction team. The event is in the Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2019.

- Tuesday 2nd July 6.30 for 7pm start - TALK - RESTORATION STATION

Derek Medhurst and Roger Lee from Sevenoaks Camera Club will give an informative talk based around the process of recording the restoration of Bat & Ball Station and some of the issues and challenges, they met along the way. This event is in the Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2019.

All the above events are free to attend. Please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for more information or to reserve a ticket for the talks.

WEBSITE - www.batandballstation.com

CAFÉ AT THE STATION - Open Monday-Friday 6.30am–5pm, Saturdays 10am–2pm

If you have any news items to include in the next newsletter, please email Linda Redden, Heritage Engagement Officer heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by 28th June 2019.