

MAY 2019

Hello All

Do you have any memories about Bat & Ball Station? Or any stories about the local area and how it has changed? Did you know Norman Featherstone?

We are designing some interpretation panels and want to incorporate stories about various 'characters' associated with the station including a piece about Norman. We also want people to reminisce about the past and to record any stories and memories linked to Bat & Ball station and surrounding area in order to create a series of 'oral histories.

If you have any memories or interesting facts, please contact Linda Redden on 01732 459953 or email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

NEWS

- ACCESS RAMP

On Monday 29th April work started on the new ramp which will give access to Platform 1 from Sevenoaks Community Centre. A small gathering of Councillors, contractors and architects met at the site for a symbolic opening of the link between Community Centre and the Station.

- STATION ADOPTION

Community Rail Partnership: The Friends of Bat & Ball Station have now "adopted" Sevenoaks Mainline Station (they "adopted" Bat & Ball Station last year). Councillors, staff members and volunteers took part in a safety training course in April.



- VICTORIAN GARDEN

Volunteers have created a plan and discussions with garden designers have taken place regarding planting schemes. Areas around the station entrance and bike racks will be planted with lavender, roses, wild flowers and herbs which can be used by the café. Box hedging and brick paths will also be a feature, typical of a Victorian style garden.



An example of a typical Victorian garden planting scheme

Anyone interested in volunteering and getting involved with planting or ongoing maintenance of the garden areas should contact heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

- FREE CAKE & HOT DRINK

Last month we launched 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).

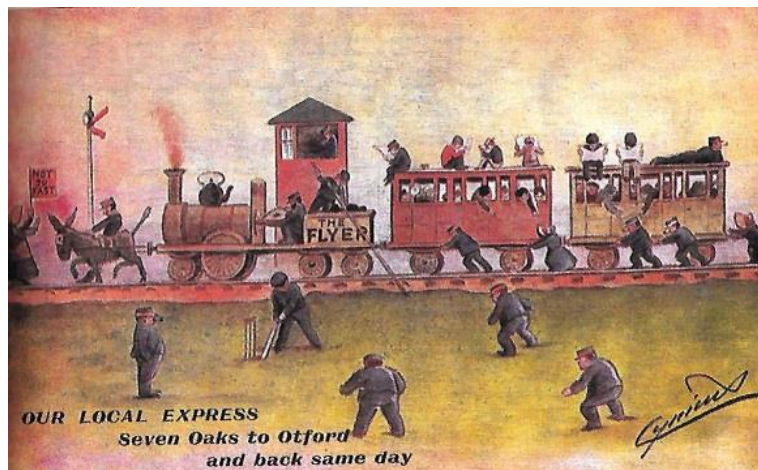
- WEBSITE - www.batandballstation.com

Login to the website and keep up to date with news and events. Visits to the website during April were 383.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

This illustrated talk looks at the impact that the railway had on Sevenoaks and how not all turned out as was hoped. Please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for your free ticket.



- PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION – Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June, 10am-5pm

‘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 included in the Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2019. Admission free.

- TALK - RESTORATION STATION – Tuesday 2nd July 7pm

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 included in the Sevenoaks Summer Festival 2019. Admission Free. To reserve a place or for more information please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk



CAFÉ AT THE STATION

Monday – Friday 6.30am – 5pm | Saturday 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 30th May 2019.