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The magazine for Stevenage people

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Welcome to the summer issue of Chronicle.

I hope we have a brighter and dryer summer than we got last year. Then we can all get out and enjoy some of the great outdoor activities that Stevenage has to offer.

We've got a five-page Summer in Stevenage feature in this issue of Chronicle, promoting some of the fun things that are happening here over the next months, and showcasing our fabulous facilities. Of course, five pages isn't nearly enough space to do our town justice.

I'm looking forward to Stevenage Day on 9 June. Did you know that this is the 54th year that the event has taken place? Some things have changed since the first Stevenage Day back in 1959 but one thing that hasn't is the great fun atmosphere of the day. Make a date in your diary to come and join in the fun this year.

Stevenage Day has always been free of charge – one of the things that makes it so popular and a blessing when we're all tightening our belts. If you need a bit of help and advice on looking after your pennies, turn the page and read all about Stevenage Credit Union.

It's that time of year when we start inviting nominations for the Pride of Stevenage Awards. I always say that judging the awards is one of the most difficult jobs that I do because there are so many amazing and deserving Stevenage people, but it's also one of my most rewarding tasks. If you know

someone that should be awarded, take a couple of minutes to nominate them. You can find out how just across the page.

I hope you enjoy summer in Stevenage this year, and I hope you enjoy reading about it in this issue of Chronicle. If

you've got some news and views that you'd like to share, please get in touch – we always like to hear from you.

Happy reading.
Councillor Sharon Taylor
Leader of Stevenage Borough Council

•Our cover picture shows two young Stevenage residents enjoying the summer



Our great



big thank-you

SoStevenage Pride of Stevenage Awards 2013 in association with The Advertiser.

This is your opportunity to publicly thank people who make a real difference to life in our town. Our awards celebrate the people, groups and projects that are making great things happen in our communities. They recognise acts of kindness, selflessness and 'going the extra mile'.

Do you know anyone who...

- Works tirelessly to help other people?
- Gives up their time to work in the neighbourhood or community?
- Provides invaluable support to people and places in Stevenage?

Have you come across an organisation in Stevenage that...

- Provides a much-needed service for the community?
- Supports local people?
- Goes the extra mile to meet people's needs?

Have you benefitted from or worked with a project that...

- Filled a gap in your community?
- Should be given wider recognition for its achievements?

The Pride of Stevenage Awards give you the chance to tell us where you think credit is due. A nomination will help to raise awareness of some of Stevenage's unsung heroes and the amazing work that goes on in our communities.

There are seven categories to nominate in:

SoVoluntary

This award recognises an individual who selflessly carries out unpaid work or activities that benefit others in the town. It could celebrate long service in the voluntary sector, excellent achievements over a short period of time, or an outstanding contribution of time and expertise to a specific project that improves life for other people in Stevenage.

SoFriendly

This is our 'good neighbour' award that celebrates the difference that kind and caring neighbours can make to people's lives. The award recognises a person or people who make their neighbourhood a great place to live. It could go to someone who looks after their neighbours, runs errands or uses their skills to help out in other ways. Or it could reward a project that has helped improve or enhance a neighbourhood.

SoSharing

This award will go to a community event, activity or project that has enhanced people's everyday lives in their local area. It could be a project run by one person or a group of people. It might be something that reduces crime in an area, improves the environment, provides support to community members, creates opportunities, or any scheme that promotes a community spirit.

SoGreen

To recognise an individual or an organisation such as a school or community group that helps keep Stevenage clean, safe and green. This includes work to reduce climate change.

SoSporting

For an individual or group that makes or has made a major contribution to sporting life in Stevenage. This could reward someone with achievements in amateur sport in either a playing or non-playing capacity. Or it could recognise someone who has improved their own or other people's health and wellbeing through participation in or promotion of physical activity.

SoCaring

This award is for a carer or group of carers. It will recognise people in Stevenage who look after or help other people – whether they are family members or other people in need of care – and keep them company. It may be awarded to someone who cares for animals that need help.

SoBrave

This category recognises someone who has overcome adversity, or who has had the courage to face their fears or do something new. The award can recognise a Stevenage resident of any age who has inspired other people with their bravery or resilience.

You can complete a nomination form on our website Stevenage.gov.uk or pick up a form in our Customer Service Centre or from Stevenage Central Library. Or you can email us at prideawards@stevenage.gov.uk telling us who you want to nominate, in which category, and why. Don't forget to include your own contact details. **Remember to get your nominations in by 9 August 2013.**



Start saving for Christmas with **Stevenage Credit Union**

It's not too early to start planning your Christmas spending and a savings account with Stevenage Credit Union could be a great help.

Putting away even small amounts of money would help take some of the burden of seasonal spending.

- If you saved £1 a week from now, by mid-December you would have enough money to buy Christmas cards, a string of tree lights, some decorations and several rolls of wrapping paper.
- If you saved £1.50 a week, by mid-December you would have enough money to buy a fresh turkey and the stuffing for 6 people.
- If you saved £5 a week, by mid-December you would have enough money to buy a Christmas tree and lights, a fresh turkey with all the trimmings for 6 people, a Christmas party outfit, and have some left over for some party drinks.
- And if you saved £10 a week, you would probably have enough to buy presents for all the family.

Stevenage Credit Union is a community savings and loans not-for-profit organisation, open to anyone who lives or works in Stevenage. Currently, there are more than 1,300 members and more people are being encouraged to join as the credit union grows.

Stevenage Credit Union is supported by Stevenage Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council.

It is well placed at the heart of the town to offer an opportunity for savings in an organisation that is run by the community for the community.

For more details about opening a savings account, contact Stevenage Credit Union Ltd, 11 The Hyde, Stevenage SG2 9SD. Telephone 01438 740844.

Stop press:

New collection point opening

A new town centre collection point for Stevenage Credit Union is set to open this summer. As part of a joint project between Stevenage Citizen's Advice Bureau and Stevenage Credit Union, an office at Swingate House in the town centre (next to the CAB offices) has been made available for the Credit Union collection point. There will be an official opening on Tuesday 4 June at 4pm.

an invitation...

Come and join the team from Stevenage Credit Union and their neighbours at The Hyde for a Summer Tea Party on Saturday 20 July.

Joint hosts the Credit Union, the Citizens Advice Bureau and Shephall Children's Centre are inviting residents for tea and cake and lots of fun at the Hyde Out Community Centre between 1 and 4pm.

You can find out what services are on offer at The Hyde, and enjoy activities including face painting, food tasting, a raffle, Credit Union tombola and lots more.

**Come and
join the**

walking festival

This year will see the first Stevenage Walking Festival, a week-long event aimed at making the most of Stevenage's fine walking areas and surrounding countryside.

Organised by members of Stevenage Leisure 50, North Herts Ramblers and Stevenage Health Walks group, and with the support of Stevenage Borough Council, the festival presents a choice of walks every day. The programme runs from 8 to 16 June.

Included in the festival are walks for almost every level of ability. Long walks are up to 14 miles, medium walks will be around six or seven miles, short walks about three to four miles. Health walks are measured by time: warm up walks will be around 30 minutes, followed by a one-hour brisk

step out walk. There are also some evening pub walks.

There is no charge for going on any of the walks, although walkers will be invited to make a donation at the end of every walk with the proceeds going to the Mayor's charities.

For information about the walks, and to book places, look out for the Stevenage Walking Festival leaflet or visit <http://stevenagewalkingfestival.webs.com/>

Share your views on the future of Stevenage

If you live, work, shop or enjoy leisure time in Stevenage, we'd like your views on our new Stevenage Borough local plan.

We're currently producing a new Stevenage Borough local plan, which we'll use to help us guide development, determine planning applications and make improvements to buildings and public spaces in Stevenage.

We expect to open consultation on the draft plan on 11 June 2013 and it will run for six weeks. We would like to know what you think, and this consultation is an opportunity for you to have your say. Comments received will inform the development of the plan.

When the consultation starts, copies of the documents will be available from:

- The council's website stevenage.gov.uk
- The council's office at Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN
- Stevenage Central Library and Stevenage Old Town library

If you would like to know more, please contact the council's Planning Policy team on 01438 242161 or email planningpolicy@stevenage.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your comments.



Summer in Stevenage

Enjoy your green spaces this summer

Here are ten top tips for safe summer fun in Stevenage's fab green spaces:

1. Visit a green space near you. There are ten main parks, nearly 40 woods and around 50 play areas, that are free to access and available seven days a week.
2. Try something new. There is something for everyone. Bowls, cricket, rounders, tennis, sailing, high ropes, fishing, model boating, green space volunteering, cycling, walks, aqua play. Some of these activities do cost a little bit of money, but many are free. Visit our web pages for more information.
3. Visit at least one of the events and activities going on this summer. From the Fairlands Valley Park Open Day where you can try some activities for free, to kite making workshops, giant games, circus skills workshop and outdoor theatre in the Town Centre Gardens, there really is something for all ages and interests. Visit our web pages for more information.
4. Keep your dog(s) under control at all times. Visitors using the café and sailing centre at Fairlands Valley Park must keep their dog on a lead in this area. Walkers are legally required to make sure that their dog is under control at all times – whether they are on a lead or not. Please be mindful that although you might know that your dog is friendly and harmless, other parks users do not, so keep them close to you at all times.
5. Clear up after your dog. Dogs mess is disgusting and potentially harmful. Please be considerate of other people – adults, children playing or our operatives who cut the grass – no one wants to go home with dog poo on their skin, clothes or shoes. Keep your dog close to you at all times and clear up after it. When you have bagged up the mess you can deposit the bag in any dog bin or litter bin.
6. Make sure that you take personal measures to keep safe this summer. Take suitable protection from sun burn, and keep well hydrated.
7. Use the bins or take your litter home with you. Ice creams and picnics are fantastic fun, but please clear up after yourself. It only takes a minute, but it will help keep your green space clean and tidy for other users, and prevents injury and harm to wildlife.
8. Don't light barbecues or campfires in any green space. They are a fire hazard, can damage the grass and plants and can injure people, and any remnants of cooked food will attract vermin. The council does not permit the use of barbecues in any of the parks and green spaces.
9. Don't swim or paddle in the lakes or ponds. It is not safe for you to do so – there are often objects below the surface that you are unable to see. For the same reasons we would advise keeping your dogs out of the lakes and ponds too.
10. Enjoy yourself, and allow others to enjoy their visit too.

**Make
a date
for**



Stevenage DAY

2013

This year's Stevenage Day event is on Sunday 9 June at the King George V Playing Field. The fun starts at 12.30pm.

Stevenage Day has been held every year since 1959 and features local charitable organisations involved in providing entertainment and raising much-needed funds. Its aim is to increase awareness, celebrate and appreciate the work of local societies in Stevenage.

Come along and enjoy stalls and sideshows, delicious food and drink, arena entertainment and live music. Parking in many of the town centre car parks is free for the day.

In the main arena throughout the afternoon a variety of performers will be entertaining you. Dance fans

can enjoy displays from street dance troupe, The Unknown, Bollywood Dance Workout, and other local groups.

Fitness staff from main arena sponsor, Stevenage Leisure Ltd, will be on hand to get everyone up and moving with lots of interactive fitness sessions and challenges, plus advice on healthy eating and fitness and a chance to win a year's membership.

Once again, Stevenage Day will feature a dedicated music stage with twin headliners JOAN ov ARC and All Against Nothing.

There will also be a packed line-up of popular local bands and singers to entertain you.

More than 150 stalls will be offering local produce and crafts, goodies and traditional games and challenges as well as a wide variety of food and drink from a range of different food stands, ranging from traditional fish and chips to curries, Thai and Caribbean food.

Admission to Stevenage Day is free and there's something for everyone. Come along and enjoy the day!



Summer holiday fun for youngsters



Summer holidays are on the horizon, so if you're looking for a fun, free way to spend your days, come on down to one of our summer play schemes, kicking off after school breaks up.

The play schemes feature a range of play, craft and sporting activities to keep children occupied and active inside and outside. We'll also be celebrating National Playday on Wednesday 7 August with activities at locations across the town.

Look out for the play scheme brochure, given out at your school in July, and see what's happening at a holiday play scheme near you.

This summer holidays, play schemes run at:

- Bandle Hill Play Centre, Featherstone Road
- Pin Green Play Centre, Webb Rise
- St Nicholas Play Centre, Pilgrims Way
- Bedwell Community Centre
- Symonds Green Community Centre

- Canyon Adventure Playground, off Valley Way

All play centres are open access, free and for children aged between five and 14 years (Canyon Adventure Playground is for over 8s) who live in Stevenage. For more information on the play schemes on offer, contact the council's Play section on 01438 242242.

There are also summer holiday activities for children at Stevenage Museum:

Delve into the world of the Celts, Saxons, Vikings and Normans this summer holiday from Wednesday 31 July to Friday 23 August.

Look out for more details or contact Stevenage Museum on 01438 218881 email museum@stevenage.gov.uk

Have a go at park activities

If you'd like to find out what else Fairlands Valley Park has to offer, come along to our free Open Day on Sunday 16 June.

Covering 120 acres, the park hosts a range of activities and accommodates many different clubs and organisations. The Open Day gives you the opportunity to find out about some of these clubs and have a go at the activities.

On hand to promote what they do and encourage you to join in will be:

- Welwyn Garden City Angling Club
- Stevenage Model Boat Club
- Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust
- Stevenage Leisure Ltd
- Healthy Walks

Other local organisations including Dog Watch, the Police and Fire Service are also taking part in the day and the Sea Cadets Band will be entertaining visitors. Make a date in your diary for the Fairlands Valley Park Open Day, Sunday 16 June, 11am to 4pm.



Splash around

Summer in
Stevenage

Now open for the summer, our aqua play area at Fairlands Valley Park is the perfect place to cool off when the sun comes out.

This exciting facility provides water-based fun for children of all ages.

A bright and inviting play area is enlivened with sprays, squirts, mists and sheets of water, from equipment that children can activate themselves. Different features can be applied according to the ages of the children that are playing.

The aqua play area is free, and

there's lots of space for supervising parents and carers to picnic or relax, as well as a refreshment kiosk and public toilets.

During the warm weather, aqua play is open at weekends and during school holidays from 11am to 5pm. You can check opening hours by calling 01438 353241 or emailing fairlands@stevenage-leisure.co.uk



Something for everyone in the Town Centre Gardens

This summer sees a range of events and activities in the Town Centre Gardens.

The Friends of the Town Centre Gardens have been busy during the winter carrying out maintenance in the park as well as extensive bulb planting, making the park a bright and beautiful space for the summer. Here's a taste of what's happening over the next few months:

Family Fun Day **Sunday 7 July** **12 noon to 4pm**

Fun and games for all the family to enjoy. This year's event will include singers and dancers, Punch and Judy, an all-ages inflatable assault course, a smaller bouncy castle for younger children, face painting, and refreshment stalls.

There will also be a host of local community groups and charities letting you know what they're up to in and around Stevenage and the local area.

Teddy Bears picnic **Wednesday 14 August** **11am to 3pm**

This summer's Teddy Bears Picnic will include a Teddy hospital, magic shows, Teddy bouncy castle, and a Teddy Bear Hunt. Why not pop down with your Teddy and enjoy the day?

Dogwatch event **Sunday 15 September** **11am to 5pm**

There will be dog shows, inflatables,

refreshments and stalls. If you are a dog owner, or have an interest in dogs please come along and enjoy the day. For more information please contact Sarah Sheldrick on 07792101893.

Summer holidays

There is lots going on in the school holidays in the Gardens. Why not try your hand at a selection of giant traditional games, or circus workshop skills. To find out what's happening in the gardens please visit: <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/news-and-events/>

Friends of the Town Centre Gardens group

There are tasks and activities to suit everybody. If you would like to meet some friendly faces and make a difference to the park please email chris.patterson@stevenage.gov.uk or phone: 01438 218706





27 July to 4 August 2013

Help celebrate our Stevenage parks this summer with a series of events. There's something for everyone and they're all free.

Sunday 28 July
Fairlands Valley Park
Music in the Park

Brazilian-style percussion carnival band Toque Tambor will be playing short sessions throughout the afternoon. It's sure to liven up your visit to the park.

Wednesday 31 July
Town Centre Gardens
Kite Making Workshop

Come along to make a kite and decorate a kite before giving it a test run. Three different levels of difficulty to suit children of all ages and abilities. Numbers are limited so booking is advisable. Contact us on 01438 218706 or email chris.patterson@stevenage.gov.uk

Thursday 1 August
Town Centre Gardens
Giant Games

Fun for all ages. Take on your friends and family at giant versions of many traditional games including Connect 4, draughts and Jenga.

Saturday 3 August
Hampson Park
Picnic in the Park

Bring your friends, family, and a picnic of course, to enjoy fun in the park. The Science Boffins will be playing with the world's natural phenomena and presenting amazing scientific experiments and demonstrations, specifically created to be interactive. Come and explore science in madcap ways that will thrill children and teach them that the brilliance of science can be seen in everything they touch. Face painting and other activities will be sure to provide a full and fun afternoon for everyone.

Monday 5 August
Town Centre Gardens
Extreme Adventure

Are you ready to try these mobile adrenaline activities? Test your nerve with the 8m high zip line. Or how about climbing up 7m through a series of elasticated spider's webs before making your way back to earth via a vertical drop slide? Or, for something with a bit more control, try out the slack lines - if you've ever wanted to walk a tightrope high above the circus floor but got nervous just thinking about it, slack lining may be for you. Just a couple of inches off of the ground but with practice, slack lining provides opportunities for impressive tricks and stunts.



Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association



Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association hosts its annual show at Chells Sports Pavilion, Gresley Way on Saturday 14 September and is inviting green-fingered residents to take part.

There are open classes for vegetables, Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, flowers and plants, fruit, novelties, floral art, cookery, preserves, wine and spirits, and photography. And there are classes for schools and children of different age groups.



If you'd like to take part, contact the show secretary Patrick Simpson on 01438 229138 or email simopj66@hotmail.com. The wonderful displays are open for everyone to enjoy, so even if you don't want to enter, feel free to come along. Entry is free, and refreshments will be available. Doors open at 1.30pm and the presentations start at 4pm.

Going wild for wildlife

You've probably noticed that some of the roadside verges in Stevenage have been allowed to grow wild to encourage wildlife to move in.

Working with Stevenage Borough Council, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust is trialling these wildlife verges. There are three such verges along Six Hills Way: Six Hills Common, the top of Whomerley Woods and Ashtree Wood, and another verge next to Shackledell Grassland at the south end of Fairlands Valley Park.

Volunteer botanical surveyors from the Trust have visited each of the sites for the past two years to find out which wild plants have taken up home there. They've been pleased to see that, since the first year of the project,

the amount of plants at each site has doubled and many wildflowers, including Agrimony and Harebell, have established themselves.

Because of this success, the Whomerley Woods roadside verge and the stretch of land at the end of Fairlands Valley Park have now been designated as Hertfordshire Wildlife Sites. Six Hills Common was already a designated Wildlife Site.

A team of volunteer butterfly surveyors are also visiting the verges to see what are attracted to these areas. If they

spot certain butterflies because the plants growing there now give them a wide range of food and nectar, then this is a good indication that the trials were a success for wildlife.

For more information on Hertfordshire Wildlife Sites, visit hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/Wildlife/wildlifesites

[Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust's Wild Stevenage project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and So Stevenage.]





River rescue

A plan to improve the future of the River Beane for wildlife and for people was launched recently.

It aims to improve the flow and quality of water, measure its ecological status, monitor its health and help people appreciate and get more out of the river.

The River Beane runs to the east of Stevenage. Over the years water levels have decreased and this has affected the river and its wildlife. Historically it hosted trout fishing, provided watercress beds and mills, and otter and kingfisher were abundant. Otters now no longer live there and kingfishers are rarely seen. This plan will work toward restoring these to improve the health of the river.

If you would like to find out more about the River Beane and what you can do to help save it and its wildlife, visit beaneandmimrampartnership.org.uk



Dog waste

A sunny afternoon out in the fresh air can be spoilt by an unexpected encounter with dog mess.

On your shoes or clothes, your bicycle or buggy wheels, or on your own dog's fur, it's not only nasty but can also be a health hazard.

Over the summer months the council is stepping up its efforts to reduce dog fouling across Stevenage. With a mix of information and awareness campaigns, events and an increase in patrols, we are hoping to address the problem and make our town more pleasant for everyone.

Most dog owners in Stevenage pick up after their pet but there are some irresponsible owners who give the rest a bad name. It is up to the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. Anyone who fails to clean up after their dog can face a £50 fine or, if the case goes to court, a fine of up to £1,000.

Stevenage residents can all help reduce dog mess. If you're a dog owner, remember to **bag it, tie it and bin it**. If you see someone allowing their dog to foul, you can help us by reporting it and you can do this online at Stevenage.gov.uk, by email to environmentalservices@stevenage.gov.uk or by phone to **0800 136661**.

Keep an eye out for events over the next few weeks, when the council and partner organisations will be providing information, advice and freebies.



Garages available for immediate let

in Bedwell, Shephall and Broadwater areas

For an application form please

telephone: 01438 242416 or 242548

textphone: 01438 242555 weekdays 9am - 5pm

email: garages@stevenage.gov.uk • web: stevenage.gov.uk/garages



What does our



COMMUNITY

look like?

Get council updates direct to your inbox

Waste no time in finding out about changes to your refuse and recycling collections by signing up to the council's free email and text alert service.

You can sign up for monthly email updates to let you know when your rubbish and recycling will be collected and text alerts to let you know about any service disruptions, such as severe weather or bank holidays, that could affect your collection days.

It's easy to sign up, just use the online form at stevenage.gov.uk/reminders/sbcwasteandrecyclingreminder.

Only one application per household will be accepted.

You may remember back in 2011 that every household in the country took part in a Census. Well, we now have the initial findings and together with other profile information they paint an interesting picture of the make up of our town...

- Stevenage has a population of almost 84,000 people in almost 35,000 homes.
- The split between male and female is almost 50/50.
- 1/5 of our residents are under 16, and 2/5 are aged between 30 and 59 years.
- The minority ethnic population (anyone from a background other than white British) is now 17% - this has increased from 8.5% in 2001.
- Just over half of our residents told us that Christianity is their religion, while 34% have no religious belief.
- 7.5% of working age residents have a disability – this rises to 16% when all ages are included.
- We have 8,550 unpaid carers in Stevenage – this is 10% of our population.
- There are almost 3,000 lone parent households in the town. Almost 60% of these parents are in full or part time employment.

You can find further information in our equality and diversity annual report on stevenage.gov.uk.

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Councillor surgeries

Come and meet your local councillor at one of these monthly sessions. Councillors can help if you want to obtain information and advice, make a complaint or enquire about services that the council provides. You don't need an appointment just come along.

Bandle Hill and Poplars

(including Hertfordshire County Councillor surgery)
Saturday 22 June, Saturday 20 July, 10am to 11am at the Hyde Out

Bedwell

Wednesday 19 June, Wednesday 17 July, 10 to 11 am at Bedwell Community Centre

Chells

Tuesday 18 June and Thursday 11 July, 1 to 2pm at The Squirrel, Chells Way

Longmeadow, Martins Wood, Old Town and Woodfield Conservative Ward members

Monday 3 June, Monday 1 July, and Monday 5 August, at 6.30 to 7.30pm in the Foyer Office, Daneshill House

Manor Liberal Democrat Ward members

(including Hertfordshire County Councillor surgery for Chells and Manor wards)
Thursday 20 June, Thursday 18 July, 7.30 to 8.30pm at Foyer Office, Daneshill House

Manor Labour Ward member

Saturday 29 June, 11am to 12noon at Emperor's Head precinct, Saturday 13 July, 10 to 11am at Mobbsbury Way shops

Martins Wood Labour Ward members

Saturday 22 June, 11.30am to 12.30pm at The Emperor's Head and Saturday 13 July, 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Oval Shops

Pin Green

Friday 7 June, 7 to 8pm, and Saturday 6 July, 10 to 11am at Stevenage Labour Party, 4 Popple Way, Saturday 8 June, 10 to 11am at the King Pin, Archer Road, Friday 5 July, 7 to 8pm Archer Road Community Centre

Roebuck

Tuesday 4 June, Tuesday 9 July, Tuesday 6 August, 1 to 3pm at Pod53 again, Willows Link, Marymead Shops

Shephall

(including Hertfordshire County Councillor surgery)

Monday 3 June, Monday 1 July, Monday 5 August, 12noon to 1pm, Shephall Centre (former Broadhall Centre), Shephall Green

St Nicholas

Saturday 1 June 2013, Saturday 6 July 2013, 10 to 11am at St Nicholas Community Centre, Canterbury Way

Symonds Green

Saturday 1 June, Saturday 6 July, Saturday 3 August at 10am at Scarborough Centre, Scarborough Avenue



Look what's on at Stevenage Museum

Dinosaurs exhibition

25 May until 31 August

Dinosaurs are coming to Stevenage Museum. Discover what dinosaurs ate, where they lived and why they might have disappeared. Test your dinosaur knowledge and find out all the facts.

Down Memory Lane

10.30am to 12noon

Join us for a drink and a chance to share your memories. Why not bring a photo or something else to share that brings back memories. Sessions are free:

Friday 21 June – Movie moments

Friday 19 July – Prized possessions

Lunch and listen

1 until 2pm

Enjoy a lunchtime talk on a variety of subjects. Numbers are limited so please book in advance. Tea and coffee provided just bring your own sandwiches.

Sessions cost £3.75 (£3 concessions).

Friday 5 July – Metal detecting finds in Hertfordshire

Make it!

12noon to 2pm

Come along, get creative and meet others who enjoy the fun and benefits of sewing, knitting and rug making at these free workshops. Just bring sandwiches and whatever you are working on or materials to start from scratch. Tea and coffee are provided.
Fridays: 14 and 21 June, 12 and 26 July.

Under 5s

1.30 to 2.30pm

Stories, games and arts and craft fun for children under 5 and their parents and carers. Workshops are £1 to attend.

Friday 28 June – Dinosaur stomp

Friday 19 July – Summer sizzler

Family Saturdays

11am to 12noon and 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Arts, crafts and fun for all the family. Sessions are free, just drop by.

Sorry – no unaccompanied children.

Saturday 25 May – Pirate adventures

Saturday 29 June – Pacific Island arts

Saturday 13 July – Hands on archaeology

Join us for the following special Saturday sessions:

Dr Dinosaur,

Saturday 8 June, 11am until 12noon and 2 to 3pm

Come and meet Dr Dinosaur and find out what it is like to take part in a dinosaur dig. Workshops cost £3 per child (£1 concessions) and parents are welcome to stay.

Model Railways,

Saturday 10 August, 12noon to 3.30pm

Enjoy model railway layouts and chat to enthusiasts about their hobby at this free event.

**Stevenage Museum, St George's
Way, SG1 1XX**

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Admission to the museum is free. We are open Wednesday to Friday 10am to 4.30pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm.

Be a part of your community

Everyone who lives in Stevenage has the opportunity to get involved in their community or have a say about their neighbourhood.

In **Bedwell**, residents' meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at Bedwell Community Centre.

Hertford Road and Bragbury End residents' group is meeting on 17 June at 6.30pm at Hertford Road Community Centre.

In **St. Nicholas and Martins Wood**, the residents' group meets on the second Monday of every other month at the Oval coffee bar at 6.30pm with tea/coffee beforehand at 6pm.

In **Pin Green**, the residents' group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm, with tea/coffee beforehand at 6.30pm, at Archer Road Community Centre.

Roebuck and Marymead residents' group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6.30 for 7pm at Pinewoods.

If your neighbourhood isn't mentioned here – or even if it is – and you've got ideas about how you'd like to contact and meet with your neighbours and local councillors, please tell Chronicle.

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