

12th July 2021: Chamber Members Only

1. The Open

The Open at Royal St. George's Golf Club Sandwich has begun. There has been no further issue of tickets since the number of spectators was limited to 32,000 per day. Anyone entering the site will be obliged to show either evidence of two COVID-19 vaccinations to have been administered at least 14 days previously or proof of a Lateral Flow Test in the preceding 48 hours. Informed by the rich experience of 148 previous Open Championships, the organisers have detailed contingency plans and daily meetings to cover Traffic & Transport, Security, Multi-agency Coordination, Medical Emergencies and many other concerns; all designed to ensure that one of the world's greatest sporting events can produce an Open Champion in the tradition of previous winners in Sandwich such as Darren Clarke, Sandy Lyle, Bobby Locke and Henry Cotton.

2. Southern Water

Following last week's fine of £90 million imposed on Southern Water in Canterbury High Court due to historic offences of unpermitted discharges under the Water Resources Act and the Environmental Permitting Regulations between 2010 and 2015, we have received a lively correspondence from the East Kent coastal business community. We are in direct contact with the company's new management team and have been invited to put questions to Southern Water's Managing Director during an on-line meeting on 22nd July 2021. We ask all Chamber members wishing to express their views to send these to us before then by email to admin@tekc.co.uk so that we can bring them to the attention of the key decision-makers at the company.

3. East Kent Business Directory

Later this week, all registered Chamber members will receive details of our 2022 East Kent Business Directory which will again feature an alphabetical list of company names as well as a classified section. This is a significant publication widely used in the public and private sector to select reputable suppliers for goods and services in East Kent. All advertisers in the 2021 and 2022 editions will be featured on our upgraded website which will be launched shortly.

4. Chamber Charity Golf Day

In the next week, we will send all registered Chamber members details of our Chamber Charity Golf Day at Royal St. George's Golf Club Sandwich. Scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd November 2021, we expect to be returning to a full presentation ceremony in the clubhouse together with the renowned three-course meal in the restaurant.

5. Coronavirus Report

Attached is edition 15 of our Coronavirus Report. It shows the highest yet levels of infection in England and Kent. Unlike the first wave of the disease, we are pleased to note fatalities have been markedly fewer and our surgeries and hospitals have not been overwhelmed as threatened to be the case last year. The vaccination programme has clearly been effective in reducing hospital admissions and relieving some of the stress on our cherished NHS. We salute the doctors, nurses and care workers who have been so sorely challenged and look forward to an announcement later today by the government about the easing of lockdown measures. As the statutory rules and regulations are relaxed, it is likely that more emphasis will be put on individuals and companies making their own decisions as to what measures are advisable to meet their particular needs and circumstances. Chamber members may find the attached 18-page publication by Kent County Council to be a useful guide as to what precautions are currently under review.

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Information

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