



THE UCKFIELD VOICE

COUNCILLOR MESSAGE

WHEELS, MEALS AND LIVELY REELS COMING SOON ON LUXFORD FIELD!

Welcome to the July edition of The Voice.

I've been a Town Councillor for over two years now. One of the things I've enjoyed the most during that time is being involved in organising some great community events that help bring visitors to the Town. Last year during the High Street works, with the 'Uckfield is Open' campaign, we brought something new to do, almost every weekend. Two of the most popular events were the 'Weald on the Field Festival' and the 'Revival Car Parade'. We had such good feedback from residents and visitors, we are repeating them for 2017!

'Weald on the Field' will be held on Luxford Field on Saturday 5th August 10am-8pm. This year we are joined in organising the event by local company, Food Rocks, who bring a wealth of experience and contacts. We are grateful to receive support also from Wealden District Council, Uckfield Chamber of Commerce, Tesco (with their Bags of Help Scheme) as well as many local groups, companies and individuals. One of the requests from last year was to expand on the live music and to extend the event into the evening, so this is what we are doing!

We have selected local musicians to appear on the Bullet Stage, including the hugely popular

Noble Jacks. Local food and craft stalls and pop up bars will fill the rest of the field along with the Farmers' Market.

There's still time to get involved. If you'd like to book a stall please contact Simon at Food Rocks. Email: info@foodrockssouth.co.uk tel: 07899 753352.

If you're able to help on the day, even just for an hour or two, please email donna.trustuckfield@gmail.com.

Also, save the date for the 'Uckfield Revival' vehicle parade which will be held on 7th October.

For the latest details please follow 'Uckfield is Open' on Facebook and Twitter and stay tuned to Uckfield FM.

by Cllr. Donna French



Ron Hill Photographic



SALVAGING THE PAST FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

by Cllr. Chris Macve

During the preliminary discussions with East Sussex County Council on the High Street improvement works, various items were considered.

One of these items was the double height brick kerbing outside Carvills on the eastern side of the High Street which, it was agreed, should be preserved as it was felt they were of historic importance in the town. So that whilst Colas were carrying out the works these bricks would be retained for a future use.

Many discussions followed to decide on a suitable use and it was suggested they could be used to replace the planters at Uckfield Railway Station which had been provided and maintained by The Uckfield Rotary Club.

Spokesman, Rotarian Jeff Holman commented:- *'There is a lot going on at the station, and the Rotary Club is playing its part. For some years the club has funded plants that are thriving in the flower beds. We are now working with Brighter Uckfield and the Town Council as they seek to replace the wooden planters with more substantial, brick built structures.'*



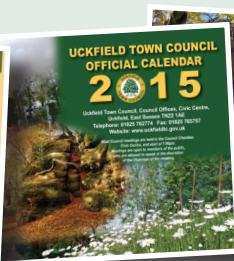
The bricks have been prepared, and the work is now going ahead at a good pace. As you rush for your train, it is easy to miss what is being done – next time you are near the station, have a look at the improvements, brought about by co-operation between the Rotary Club, Brighter Uckfield and the Town Council.'

Building materials were provided free by Parker Building Supplies and all works were carried out by volunteers.

It is hoped that this improvement will have a long-lasting effect on the area and has retained part of Uckfield's history for the benefit of future generations.



UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR COMPETITION 2018



Calling Uckfield amateur photographers to enter our photographic calendar competition 2018, themed 'Celebrate Uckfield'.

Uckfield has so much to celebrate; events, the beauty of our nature reserves, historic buildings or one of our sports teams celebrating. Let your imagination flow!

The successful photographers will have the recognition of seeing their photographs in print and the chance to win first, second or third place prizes of a One4all Post Office gift card, to the value of £50, £35 and £20 respectively.

Download an entry form from the Community tab on the Town Council's web site www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk.

Entries in digital format along with an entry form should be sent by post to:

Uckfield 2018 competition, Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield TN22 1AE

Or by email to: admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

Closing date 31st July 2017.

The calendar will be delivered to all Uckfield households during November 2017.

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2018 – 2019

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GRANTS 2018/2019

for
Uckfield voluntary organisations.

Application forms can now be
downloaded from www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk
or
are available by applying to:

**Uckfield Town Council
Civic Centre
Uckfield**

East Sussex TN22 1AE

Tel: 01825 762774

Email: linda@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE:

Friday 25th August 2017

After which date the Council would be
unable to consider applications.

Uckfield Town Council, at its discretion and subject to available funding, provides grants and general support to small local groups promoting community life in Uckfield.

Local organisations that fulfil the criteria may apply for a grant from the Town Council. In 2017/18 grants totalled £36,950 and were shared between 18 local organisations.

Application packs are now available from the Town Council Office, Civic Centre, Uckfield or by phoning 01825 762774. Alternatively an application pack can be downloaded from the 'Community Tab' on our web site www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk. The full criteria required to be eligible to apply can be found on page 4 of the application form.

The deadline for completed applications is 25th August 2017.

The Finance sub-committee meeting, to decide upon those granted funds, will take place on 13th September 2017 at 6.30pm. Organisations are advised to send a representative along to attend this meeting. Successful applicants receive their grants in May 2018 with payment of the second half of the grant in October 2018 for those awarded in excess of £1000.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Uckfield is located within an area that has three tiers of local government, a town council (Uckfield), a district council (Wealden) and county council (East Sussex). County Council elections took place in May 2017, and the recent parliamentary election on 8th June 2017.

The results of these elections are listed in the table below.

Contact details for your town councillors are available on the town council's website at www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk

YOUR LOCAL MP

Contact details are available on the MPs website

For Wealden Constituency	Nusrat Ghani
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YOUR LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Contact details are available on the East Sussex County Council website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Uckfield North	Cllr. Claire Dowling
Uckfield South with Framfield	Cllr. Chris Dowling

YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Contact details are available on the Wealden District Council website: www.wealden.gov.uk

Uckfield North	Cllr. Carol Reynolds Cllr. Peter Waldock
Uckfield Central	Cllr. Claire Dowling
Uckfield Newtown	Cllr. Helen Firth
Uckfield Ridgewood	Cllr. Barry Marlowe

LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Each month Councillors take part in a number of committee and other meetings, including a Full Council meeting every two months. Here are some of the decisions taken during May 2017:

Uckfield Town Council's Environment and Leisure Committee appointed members to the town's Local Nature Reserve Supporter Groups for Hempstead Meadows (Councillors French and Bennett) and West Park (Councillors Dean and Ward).

Members agreed to hold an Allotment Conference in early September which would enable allotment holders to attend and discuss future activities, including the arrangement of competitions and general allotment matters.

Concerns were raised with speeding traffic in Uckfield, particularly in the residential areas. It was agreed that this matter should be brought to the attention of East Sussex Highways at the council's next partnership meeting.

Members were also keen to explore how a Speed Indication Device could be used on the entrances into town, what training would be required for volunteers using the device and how the process worked.

Minutes of all committee meetings can be seen on the Uckfield Town Council website www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk under 'Your Council'

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas are posted on the Town Council website www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk in PDF format, and are also posted on notice boards throughout the Town. Full Council agendas and minutes can also be seen at the Uckfield Library.

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber on the first floor of The Civic Centre, Uckfield and start at 7.00pm (unless otherwise stated). If you wish to ask a question at a meeting, on items on the agenda, it is advisable to submit your question beforehand to allow a full response to be given at the meeting. All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk. Please email admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk or call the Council offices tel: 01825 762774.

JULY

3rd	-	PLANS
10th	-	ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
17th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES
24th	-	PLANS
31st	-	FULL COUNCIL

AUGUST

14th	-	PLANS
21st	-	ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
29th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES