



# THE UCKFIELD VOICE

## UCKFIELD REMEMBERS

by Cllr. Duncan Bennett, Deputy Mayor



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This November, Uckfield residents will once more remember those who fell in two world wars and subsequent conflicts. We will be particularly thinking of those from our town who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country and its freedom.

The memorial plaques in our Parish Church of Holy Cross hold the names of so many young men from our town and in this centenary year of the Battle of Passchendaele, it is impossible not to be moved by the sheer numbers, especially when you consider the much smaller population of the town back then. Most families were affected by the loss of fathers, sons, brothers, nephews, uncles and cousins.

As we know, The Great War, "the war to end all wars", was sadly nothing of the sort and those who were lucky to return, bore the solemn duty of seeing their own sons march off to fight in another global conflict some two decades later, again, many never to return.

Time passes and battles become history, but the painful loss of a serviceman does not diminish in its sadness, as witnessed by the grief shown throughout our community when 22 year old Uckfield lad, Private Daniel Gamble was killed whilst

serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan, just nine years ago.

- The War Memorial at Holy Cross Church shall be the focus of Remembrance on Armistice Day, at the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month when the guns fell silent.
- On Remembrance Day, Sunday the 12th, a simple Act of Remembrance shall be observed at 11am at the Eugene Seghers Memorial within the garden of The Highlands Inn.
- The Annual Remembrance Day Parade up the High Street to Holy Cross Church for the Service of Remembrance at 3pm will be followed by a wreath-laying, a two minute's silence and parade back to the Civic Centre.

Those who "Gave Their Today for Our Tomorrow" are some of the many reasons to "Wear Your Poppy with Pride" and I hope you will do so again this year.

## NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR RIDGEWOOD WARD

by Cllr. Jeremy Beesley

I have lived in Uckfield for nearly 25 years and prior to that I visited the town very regularly. My mother's family lived here and my grandfather was a Blacksmith in the town. I am married to Sharon and have a son Kieran who is seven, a step son Marcus who is a full time Maths teacher and a Step Daughter Rachael who works for South East Coast Ambulance Service as a student paramedic. She is currently doing a university course to become a Paramedic. My wife works for the NHS and I work at St Peter & St James Hospice in North Chailey,

I am very passionate about our town Uckfield. I am Chairman of Uckfield Performance Ensemble, member of Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society and an FA Level 1 accredited coach with Uckfield Grasshoppers Junior Football Club. With family and friends living in Ridgewood I want to do my utmost best to make Ridgewood a greater place to live. Since the election, I have spent a lot of time speaking to residents and identifying issues in the area. I will endeavour to do my best to resolve them. If you have any concerns you can contact me at [Jeremy.independent@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.independent@gmail.com)



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# UCKFIELD REVIVAL

by Cllr. Chris Macve



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Groups of Uckfield Town Councillors and helpers met at the Highlands Inn, Ridgewood and Luxford Field early on Saturday 7th October for the culmination of many weeks of preparation, planning and organisation by 'Celebrate Uckfield' – the events working group, and particularly by Holly Goring, Town Clerk, to set in motion the Uckfield Revival.

The Highlands Inn had welcomed the drivers and passengers by providing hot coffee and bacon butties to counteract the depressing weather.

The assembled vehicles were then despatched in groups of various makes, chaperoned by members of 4x4 Assist, parading through New Town and up the High Street into Library Way before forming a fantastic display on Luxford Field.



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The day's wet weather conditions failed to dampen the spirits of the vehicle owners, the refreshment stall holders and members of the public who came to admire over 80 various vehicles on show.

The working group appreciate the support of all the vehicle owners and stall holders for their attendance and the help of all those who made the day the great success it was!

As the assembled groups waited, the forecast inclement weather arrived, firstly with light drizzle which soon developed into steady rain.

However the Uckfield Revival was all set to proceed, despite the weather with a varied selection of vintage, classic and interesting cars and motorcycles together with historic commercial vehicles and steam powered traction engines.



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## CALENDAR COMPETITION

The 2017 photographic calendar competition 'Celebrate Uckfield,' which ran from January to July 2017, was judged by Uckfield Town Mayor: Cllr. Louise Eastwood; local photographer, Ron Hill of Hill Photographic and Judith Stewart a professional local photographer, Sussex Photographic Federation Judge and member of the Uckfield Camera Club.

For the first time an overall first, second and third prize of a One4all Post Office gift card for £50, £35 and £20 respectively were awarded at a presentation at the end of October. This format will be repeated for the 2019 Calendar, and it is hoped that we will see greater interest in this initiative from Uckfield amateur photographers. We would also encourage entries from younger members of the community from 11 years and upwards. The theme for the 2019 competition will be announced soon.

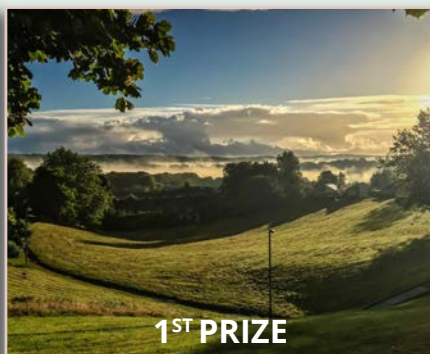


First place was awarded to Darren Coleshill for The Dene, September.

Second place was awarded to Jonathan Close for Bluebells at Holy Cross Church, April.

Third place was awarded to Lynne Ireland for Autumnal Colour at Lake Wood, October.

MONTH	PHOTOGRAPHERS NAME	CAPTION
January	Darren Coleshill	Views Wood
February	Rob Broughton	A Winter View
March	Susanne Garland	Sunset in Uckfield
April	Jonathan Close <b>2nd Prize</b>	Bluebells at Holy Cross Church
May	Jonathan Close	Lake Wood
June	Gavin Rainbow	Uckfield Quadrophenia
July	Jean Chamberlain Hare	Uckfield Grand Prix
August	Julie Eiloart	West Park Nature Reserve
September	Darren Coleshill <b>1st Prize</b>	The Dene
October	Lynne Ireland <b>3rd Prize</b>	Autumnal Colour at Lake Wood
November	Geoffrey Crabtree	Winter Silhouette at Shepherds Way
December	Jayne West	The Linden Chase Mystery Rudolf



## LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

As we move into the leafy days of autumn, committees have been working through a collection of projects and making good progress towards the Town Council's priorities.

The Environment and Leisure Committee made a number of positive decisions at their last meeting. Members resolved to run a bio dog bag dispenser scheme which would see 10 dispensers located across Uckfield on town council land, at no cost to the Town Council. It was hoped that these would be well received and would support the Council's campaign to reduce the amount of dog fouling visible within the town.

Members supported the League of Friends of Uckfield Community Hospital by agreeing for a hedge to be placed on the Town Council's allotment land opposite the Ambulance station. The League of Friends are planning to make a number of improvements to the hospital car park, providing an additional 25-30 parking spaces. The League of Friends will take full responsibility for the hedge and its future maintenance.

For many organisations the autumn months means it's time to start looking ahead to the next financial year. Priority and budget setting is now underway. Each committee is reviewing their fees and charges and considering what funds would be required to run services and activities next year. These draft figures are due to be

presented to Full Council in December for consideration, before the budget and priorities are adopted in January 2018.

General Purposes Committee have started to look at the maintenance programme for the town council's buildings next year. Members agreed that it would be useful to undertake a feasibility study on West Park Pavilion to help understand whether the space could be reconfigured and made more user friendly.



### CIVIC CENTRE VACANCY CASUAL RELIEF CARETAKER

The position will be part of a small team of existing staff and the ideal candidate will be flexible and able to demonstrate practical expertise in caretaking, security and cleaning. Energy, enthusiasm and

a positive attitude are essential, as well as the ability to communicate well with the public.

Standard rates of pay are £8.38 up to 6.00pm and £11.13 after 6.00pm and Sundays.

For an informal discussion please  
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas are posted on the Town Council website [www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk) or call the Council offices tel: 01825 762774.

6th	-	PLANS
13th	-	ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
20th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES
27th	-	PLANS

### DECEMBER

4th	-	BUDGET MEETING
18th	-	PLANS