



WEALD ON THE FIELD 2019

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This, now annual, free event returned bigger and better for 2019. There was so much to enjoy and celebrate: local artisan crafts and produce, street food, pop-up bars, children's entertainment and live music from fantastic local bands.

From its inception four years ago, with the aim to encourage residents and visitors into the town during major road works, Weald on the Field has grown and become a 'not to miss event' in the Uckfield calendar.

Great entertainment for everyone

From the stage we were wowed by A Bagful of Hats, The Management Duo, Beth Ellwood and The Midnight Project. Children were kept entertained with a circus show and workshop skills, Sand Art, a silent disco in a beautiful bell tent, craft activities, face painting and



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bouncy castle. Uckfield Farmers' Market joined the celebrations and Uckfield FM broadcast live from Luxford Field in the morning.

The weather certainly played its part, enabling families to relax, sitting on the grass or straw bales and enjoying the shade of the marquee.

Behind the scenes

Obviously a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes and it is thanks to all our amazing volunteers, sponsors and support from local businesses and organisations that enable this fantastic event to carry on and keep free to enter. We are already planning for next year but in the meantime, join us for Uckfield Revival on Saturday 5 October.

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UCKFIELD'S NEW COUNCILLORS

The May 2019 local elections returned six new councillors. Here we feature three of the new contingent to provide you with more information about them.

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James Edwards - Uckfield Ridgewood

I have lived in Uckfield for five years with my wife Ciara. We both have strong family ties to Uckfield and Maresfield. I am a music tutor working locally in 11 schools as well as privately. I am delighted to have been elected to the Town Council as one of the members for Ridgewood. I want to make a positive contribution to society,

and I believe that local politics gives you the best opportunity to do this, as you can make a real difference at the grass roots.

I have had the opportunity to speak with my fellow Ridgewood Councillors as well as the District and County representatives for Ridgewood. The aim being to organise regular meetings where we can discuss matters in the ward, as well as residents being able to bring us their concerns in person. Growing up in rural Cornwall has given me a well-founded passion for the environment. I'm keen to hold property developers and Wealden District Council to account on behalf of residents, particularly on the management of Ridgewood Place and the SANGS. I am also happy to have been appointed as a representative to Hempstead Meadow Nature Reserve, and look forward to getting involved.

Gary Johnson - Uckfield West

I have lived in Uckfield for 22 years with my wife. We have two adult children that both attended Rocks Park Primary School and Uckfield College. I am a business owner, employing over 100 people in the local area.

I have always found it rewarding to volunteer my time; previously being an Army reservist for two years, and more recently, an active member of the Newhaven Lifeboat crew. I am a keen defender of the environment and have a strong interest in law and order.

As an animal lover, I can often be seen exercising our two dogs Dougle and Ozzie, on the West Park Nature Reserve and West Park recreation ground. I enjoy sailing, windsurfing and I am



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also a keen amateur pilot.

I am very pleased to have been elected as a Town Councillor for Uckfield West, as well as the District Councillor for Ridgewood and Little Horsted, and am looking forward to the challenges and successes ahead.

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Angie Smith - Uckfield North

I'm Angie Smith, the new Town Councillor for Uckfield North. I'm delighted to be representing the town that has been my home – and that of my family – for the past five years. I moved here from Hailsham, after I got a new job working at the head office of a domestic violence charity in London – it was just so much easier walking two minutes to the station in the morning, rather than driving for 30 minutes! I love Uckfield. I think we have some beautiful open spaces that I enjoy exploring with my dogs. We also have a great range of shops in the High Street. I'm very involved with the community, having started a book club that meets every month at the Alma and I'm currently working with local



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youth organisations on plans to support young people, especially young women, in the town.

It's a pleasure now to be representing the town at a local level and its great to be part of the diverse team that works together to keep Uckfield ticking along.

UCKFIELD REVIVAL - SATURDAY 5 OCT 2019

Uckfield Revival will, once again, be celebrating the motor industry with its parade of classic vehicles
In 2018, we had over 100 motor vehicles parading from The Highlands Inn, through the High Street and into Luxford Field.

Fourth year

Now in its fourth year, the parade will begin at 10.15 am and the vehicles will be on show in Luxford Field during the morning and over lunch. This will give car enthusiasts the opportunity to view the vehicles at close hand.

Something for everyone

But you don't have to be mad about cars and other vehicles to enjoy the event. You will also find a range of refreshment stalls, a pop-up bar and children's entertainment, offering something for all the family.



LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Formalising parking controls in Uckfield High Street

The highway improvements undertaken in 2016, introduced new parking and waiting restrictions in Uckfield High Street. A period of time was given to



enable the changes to settle in and for highway engineers to monitor traffic flow but now East Sussex Highways are seeking to formalise the proposed changes to the parking bays by carrying out a formal six-month consultation on the experimental traffic order. The deadline for representations and comments is 17 November 2019 so there's still time! To take a look at the experimental traffic order and plan illustrating the parking bays and time restrictions, please visit: www.eastsussexhighways.com/uckfield-etoro or to view these documents in

person, please visit Uckfield Library or the reception at East Sussex County Council, County Hall in Lewes.

Looking into Public Space Protection Orders

At the August meeting of Full Council, members were provided with initial information about Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). These powers were introduced via the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This legislation introduced a number of new tools and powers for the Police and partner agencies to address anti-social behaviour.

PSPOs can be used to prohibit specific activities and/or require certain things to be done within a defined public area. To meet the criteria, these activities have to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and be of a persistent or continuing nature.

These orders can take one to two years to put in place, so the Town Council will look to meet with both Sussex Police and Wealden District Council, to see if such powers would be beneficial in Uckfield.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Full Council agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library. If you wish

to ask a question at a meeting, on items on the agenda, it is advisable to submit

MON 9 SEP	– PLANS
WED 11 SEP	– ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE
MON 16 SEP	– FULL COUNCIL
WED 18 SEP	– FINANCE SUB
MON 23 SEP	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 30 SEP	– PLANS
MON 7 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 21 OCT	– PLANS
MON 28 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL

your question beforehand to allow a full response to be given at the meeting. All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Allotment Competition Winners
- More from Uckfield's new councillors

