



THE UCKFIELD VOICE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

by Cllr. Louise Eastwood

It was my great pleasure to officially open 'Weald on the Field' on Saturday 5th August – a fantastic one day festival that celebrated good food, drink and music. Families flocked to Luxford Field to enjoy the event and there was something for everyone including children's activities. There was an excellent line up of bands appearing on the Bullet Stage. The showers failed to dampen spirits and the sun and smiles shone through.

The event was organised by Uckfield Town Council's 'Celebrate Uckfield' group along with local company 'Food Rocks', Wealden District Council and the Uckfield Chamber of Commerce with support from Uckfield FM and the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. Let's hope that this becomes an annual event!

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Uckfield Carnival. This year is extra special as the society are celebrating 190 years since the first carnival was organised. That's 190 years of bringing the community together, raising money for good causes and putting on this fantastic event. A big thank you to the Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society for all their hard work through the year.

I would like to thank the members of the public who attended the Town Council's planning committee meeting and spoke about the Ridgewood development. We, at the Town



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Council, are here to listen to your views and take them forward on your behalf. Committee meeting dates and agendas are published on our website and you are welcome to attend.

We have a hard-working team at the Civic Centre that has just seen some changes. We have said goodbye to a long serving staff member Susan Allum and we wish her all the best for the future. We welcome to the team David Nott, our new Hospitality Manager and Richard Lee, our new Facilities Manager.

And finally, Uckfield Town Council are pleased to have contributed to the very smart replacement clock in the High Street. Isn't it great to have a working clock again? On that note, it's time for me to wind up!

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THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENTS – A GROWING PASTIME!

by Cllr. Mick Dean

We are so lucky in Uckfield to have such a large number of allotments provided by the Town Council for the pleasure of so many keen gardeners. The magnificent range of vegetables and soft fruits that are grown is most impressive. The allotment holders certainly put in a great deal of hard work to produce such strong and healthy crops.

It can be very useful to bring together people with the same passion and shared interest in a particular subject, **the allotments**. It is their chance to share ideas and make suggestions for how they see their continued enjoyment and growth and residents' involvement.

To do this the Town Council is holding a conference event in September, to which allotment holders and all residents are invited. The details are shown below.



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Having such a get-together is really useful, as there are things to be discussed.

One of these is about the annual allotment competition. To be commented on is; should we have such an annual competition, if so, what should it be like and who would organise and run it?

Your ideas and suggestions on this, and any other matters concerning the allotments, are really needed and welcomed. In so many different ways the future strength and growth of our allotments is 'in your hands.'

Please come along to the conference and in the meantime **"Keep on digging."**



ALLOTMENT HOLDERS CONFERENCE

7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

7PM ASHDOWN ROOM

CIVIC CENTRE, UCKFIELD

TEA AND COFFEE FROM 6.45pm

Please use this opportunity to raise any questions or concerns.

It would be helpful if you could submit them in advance to:

Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield TN22 1AE

Or email: angela@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

We do hope that you will attend

UCKFIELD REVIVAL – SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017

by Cllr. Chris Macve



Over a year ago we were eagerly awaiting the reinstatement of two-way traffic flow returning to our High Street. To mark the occasion we held a parade of classic, historic and interesting vehicles driving both ways in the High Street, which were then shown on Luxford Field.

This proved to be very popular and it was suggested we repeat the event.

So this year on Saturday 7th October 2017 we will commence with the vehicles assembling at the Highlands Inn at 10.00am for refreshments. They will then proceed through the town and up the High Street before parking in Luxford Field for an interesting display.

We do hope you will enjoy the show and that the weather stays kind to present these vehicles in their full splendour!



LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

A public exhibition was held at the beginning of July for residents near to Hughes Way Play area to view the proposed designs from six companies. The Environment and Leisure Committee reviewed the feedback received from the public at their meeting in July. Members felt the design by HAGS-SMP was the most impressive and met the needs of the residents and community. An update would now be circulated to residents in the neighbouring roads, and contact made with the play area company to start planning the finer details of the installation and proposed timescales for the works to take place.

The Road Safety Working Group were commended on the fantastic day organised in June which saw pupils from 11 primary schools take part in an interactive day with agencies such as East Sussex Highways, Southern Rail and East Fire & Rescue to learn about safety on our roads. The date has been set for next year as 20th June 2018 and contact will be made with schools in the next few weeks.

At Full Council, members received an update on the progress being made towards the Town Council's annual priorities for 2017-18. They also reviewed Wealden District Council's draft Housing Strategy 2017-20 which they agreed was well written; it highlights the current circumstances affecting

housing supply and demand in Wealden District. Members raised their concerns however, on the lack of affordable housing in the Uckfield area and within the new developments coming forward. Many young people were now being priced out of the market and finding it difficult to stay in the town. The Town Clerk planned to feed these comments back to Wealden District Council for consideration.



Further to last month's article regarding Open Spaces we wish to clarify that the Millennium Green is managed by a charitable trust which is responsible for its ownership and upkeep.

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.

SEPTEMBER

4th	-	PLANS
11th	-	FULL COUNCIL
13th	-	FINANCE GRANTS
25th	-	PLANS

OCTOBER

2nd	-	ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
9th	-	GENERAL PURPOSES
16th	-	PLANS
23rd	-	FULL COUNCIL