



## ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

BY CLLR JEREMY BEESLEY

The Allotment Competition this year was, once again, sponsored and judged by Staverton's Nursery. We would like to thank Staverton's for their continued support with this.

### Competition Categories

There were five Best Kept Allotment prizes covering the five allotment sites - Bell Lane, Bird-in-Eye, Framfield, Ridgewood and West Park. An overall winner was chosen from the winners of each of these whose name will be added to the plaque held at the Civic Centre. In addition, there was a category for the Most Creative Allotment judged on the imaginative and creative use of the allotment space as well as the use of sustainable and innovative growing techniques.



Unfortunately, this year there were no entries for the children's category for the Best Wigwam of Runner Beans.

### Winners

The winners of the allotment competition were announced at the Allotment Conference held on 11 September in the Civic Centre.

#### Best Kept Allotment

- Bell Lane - Mr Huxley
- Bird in Eye - Mrs Turner
- Framfield Road - Mrs Berry
- Ridgewood - Mrs Gardner
- West Park - Mr Dawkins

#### Overall Winner

Mrs Berry

#### Most Creative Allotment

Mrs Berry



Winners (Left to right): Mrs Gardner, Mrs Turner, Cllr Spike Mayhew, Mrs Berry and Mr Dawkins

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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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### Ben Cox - New Town

I am a 29-year-old who has grown up in Uckfield before travelling and living in Canada and Australia for just 5 years where I managed in some top restaurants before moving back to Uckfield where I live today.

On May the 2nd I was elected by 489

people from New Town to Uckfield Town Council with a majority of 79. Getting on to the Town Council is a privilege but also very exciting. I have previously worked closely with the Council on crime and also opening up the local youth club.

I am very lucky to have been elected onto the General Purposes, Plans and Environment & Leisure Committees, as well as vice-chair of the Finance Sub-Committee.

I also represent the council for the Volunteer Centre, Plastic-Free Uckfield and also the Youth Club. So far my time at the council has been exciting and now I can really get my teeth into helping promote change in our town. I am looking forward to the rest of my term with the council and doing my best for my community.

### Colin Snelgrove - North Ward

I have lived in our town all my life and have chosen to bring my family up here. I went to school here, as my children have and do. I have a large circle of friends that call Uckfield home and also a large circle of friends in the town. I have wondered how I could do more to help those around me for a long time and the opportunity to become a Town Councillor has given me the chance to do just that.

I have a strong view on public order and my previous experience of working in the prison sector makes me very aware of the causes and effects of anti-social behaviour, as well as the difficulties involved in improving things in that way. I would like to work to ensure that Sussex Police have the ability to deal with the things that happen in a



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growing town. Uckfield has 1000 new homes on their way, meaning there's likely to be around 4000 new people living here. This means we need to make sure that we have to have the right number of school places, doctors and other things that we all need. I want to be able to work with others on the council to push for all these issues and more.

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### Karen Bedwell - Ridgewood Ward

I have lived in Uckfield since October 1994. Married to Ian; the Town Crier, and have three children who all attended local primary schools and Uckfield Community College (Henri is still there).

I am a Podiatrist with a postgraduate diploma specialising in diabetes and work from a purpose built clinic in Ridgewood.

I have been involved with many areas of the Uckfield Community in the last 25 years. I have been involved in helping support Holy Cross Christmas tree festival for over 10 years and have recently become a member of Uckfield District Lions.

I am currently in my second term as Chair of Ridgewood Village Hall. This role has been the most challenging role to date; including successfully fundraising for the Village Hall refurbishment and planned extension and bringing back large community events to the Ridgewood Village including Christmas and Summer fairs, Bunny Hunts and family friendly firework events.

Community life is extremely important to me, and I would like to be able to work with the town council to continuously improve Uckfield and

Ridgewood as it grows and diversifies, keeping the social values and responsibilities that are so important to the residents of Uckfield high on the agenda.

## 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.

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.

Civic Centre Uckfield

**Dick Whittington**

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Fri 13 Dec  
7.00pm

Sat 14 Dec  
1.00pm and  
5.00pm

# LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

## Children's Funeral Fund for England

Something a parent or guardian should never have to consider is the death of their young one, and having to make funeral arrangements whilst grieving their loss would be extremely difficult.

### New regulations introduced

At the end of July 2019, Central government introduced new regulations known as the Social Fund (Children's Funeral Fund for England) Regulations 2019. They seek to provide practical support to bereaved parents with the fees arising from their child's burial or cremation for those aged under 18 years or if stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy.

## Fund availability

The fund is available regardless of a family's income and burial authorities have the ability to seek reimbursement from Central Government to cover the costs of the burial/cremation.

### Reduced fee for Snatts Road

The Town Council already has reduced fees for babies under one year and children between 1 and 12 years of age but as a result of the new regulations, members have recently reviewed the fees for Snatts Road Cemetery, Uckfield and agreed to maintain a reduced fee for children up to the age of 18 years old, in line with these new regulations.



## 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 your question beforehand to allow a full response to be given at the meeting.

MON 7 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 21 OCT	– PLANS
MON 28 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 4 NOV	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 11 NOV	– PLANS
MON 18 NOV	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE

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## COMING NEXT MONTH

- Remembrance
- Pantomime
- Uckfield Revival

