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VE DAY EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Friday 8 May will commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day - Victory in Europe in World War Two. We are organising events in the town to recognise this major milestone and we do hope you will be able to join us at one or all of them!

VE Day Afternoon Tea

Thursday 7 May - 3.00pm

Come along to the Civic Centre for a sumptuous afternoon tea and join in with Rosie as she sings all those hits from the 40s. Enjoy sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream followed by cake and all washed down with a pot of tea. Tea starts at 3.00pm with Rosie singing from 3.45pm. Tables of six (smaller numbers will be joined with others to make a table of six) Tickets £9 and pre-booking is essential.

**VE Day 1940s Evening - Fri 8 May
7.00pm (Band starts at 7.30pm)**

On VE Day itself (which is a Bank Holiday) we are organising a fabulous cabaret evening featuring the Uckfield Concert



Brass and the Uckfield Singers with music from the 40s including Glenn Miller Band numbers. Put on your best 40s outfits or military uniform and get 'in the mood' for a great night. Hog roast included (with vegetarian options) and all for £15! Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

**Ridgewood Hall Afternoon Tea
Sunday 10 May - 2.00pm**

Come along to Ridgewood Village Hall for afternoon tea and street party - families welcome. Gemma Stillman will be singing throughout the afternoon. Tickets £5. Contact

ridgewoodvillagehall@gmail.com

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A NEW LOOK FOR LUXFORD PLAY AREA

Updating the play area adjacent to Luxford Field was one of the priorities agreed by the Town Council last year. Part of this project included a full public consultation.

Residents Survey

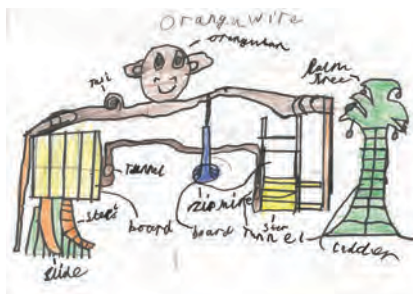
To that end, we undertook a survey to gather residents' opinions and suggestions. The survey was primarily run online between 7 January 2020 and 9 February 2020. We received one paper response and 285 online responses which provided important information and insights into what residents would want from the play area.

Public Consultation Day

On Saturday 8 February, we held a Public Consultation Day at the Civic Centre where three potential suppliers were in attendance to show some of their ideas. On the day, we gathered feedback from residents on which design they preferred. We received 39 completed feedback forms.



The Public Consultation Day on 8 February with Facilities and Estates Manager Mark Francis and The Mayor Cllr Spike Mayhew.



The overall winning poster design by Dylan Trigwell, Manor School and the graphic illustration of his ride reproduced by Glen Holman as part of his prize



Involving local schools

We ran a poster competition for local schools and asked the children to come up with their ideas for a fantasy ride. We had a fantastic response with nearly 200 entries.

The posters were all displayed at the Public Consultation Day. The Mayor, Councillor Spike Mayhew, chose the winners from each school.

All winners received a certificate and book token. In addition, Dylan Trigwell from Manor School was chosen as the overall winner for his orangutan-based ride poster. He also received a framed version of his poster which had been

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'brought to life' by Glen Holman.

We would like to thank all the children who took part and congratulate them on their imagination and creativity.

Tender Process

The three potential suppliers at the public consultation day each submitted designs that will greatly improve the existing facility. All the designs had merit and when ranked according to the results from the public consultation and online survey, we were able to make an award that can be supported and demonstrated as fair.

Castle Theme

HAGS (Castle theme) received the highest scores following the public consultation and tender evaluation process. HAGS also installed the play areas at Ridgewood and Hughes Way. We will now work with them to finalise the design below and decide on the location of the equipment provided.

Disabled Users

In addition to the chosen design we are also investigating further suitable equipment for wheelchair users for this important central facility.



Part of the initial winning design by HAGS

LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

The Town Council has undergone some staff changes in the past six months after seeing two long-serving full-time staff members retire and our new Assistant Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer arrive. This provided us with an opportunity to review our workload and look at providing more resilience within the office to cover sickness or holiday.

The Town Council looks after a number of buildings and open spaces. Managing the day to day operation of these in addition to our statutory duties, delivering key priorities and projects for the benefit of the town's residents and handling your enquiries and correspondence, makes for a busy office.

New part-time administrator

In January, we welcomed Lynne to the team as our part-time administrator. She deals with booking enquiries for the Civic Centre, Foresters Hall, sports pitches and pavilions. In addition, her duties include reporting issues to East Sussex Highways and she also supports the Mayor and Deputy Mayor with their diary and manages all invitations they receive.

New full-time senior administrator

At the end of February, Rachel joined

the team. Rachel is our full-time Senior Administrative Officer and looks after all enquiries relating to the Town Council's allotments, enquiries relating to Snatts Road Cemetery (burial, ashes interments and memorials) and records management of these. Rachel is the clerk for the Town Council's Environment and Leisure Committee; helping to gather the necessary information for reports and support the delivery of projects identified by the committee.

Still familiar faces in the office!

We hope you will join us in making our new staff members feel very welcome and bear with us whilst we get up to speed!

You will still find some familiar faces in the office to help you with our existing part-time administrator Linda and Marketing and Comms Assistant Tracy.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library and on the town council website. 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

MON 6 APR	– PLANS
TUES 14 APR	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 20 APR	– GENERAL PURPOSES
TUES 21 APR	– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MON 27 APR	– PLANS
MON 4 MAY	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 11 MAY	– FULL COUNCIL (ANNUAL STATUTORY)
MON 18 MAY	– PLANS

be given at the meeting. All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Allotment Competition
- Calendar Competition

