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## WEALD ON THE FIELD 2021

Weald on the Field 2021 went ahead on Saturday 21 August and a fantastic time was had by all.

Uckfield Town Council hosts this event annually in August, although 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The crowds were very grateful to see this free-to-enter food and music festival back for 2021 and Luxford Field was bustling from 11am to 7pm.

### A real community day

It's a real community day with a festival vibe that can only come together with the help of volunteers and key organisations, suppliers and sponsors.

2021 saw Weald on the Field organised in record time as Government guidance on Covid 19 changed.

Uckfield's Town Clerk, Holly Goring, praised local events business Food Rocks, who work with the council every year to manage all of the pitch bookings. She also thanked key sponsors – Uckfield Chamber of Commerce, Lawson Commercial, The Electric Bike Shop, Richard Green Funeral Services, EMC Group, Dukes Lettings, Happy Me Dance, Afrodite Hair & Beauty and CPJ Field. Thanks go to Network Rail, APCOA for providing free parking at the Station car park and Wealden District Council for removing time limits in Luxford car park. A wide variety of stalls lined the field with their tasty street food, fantastic range of refreshments, and beautiful clothes and crafts. There was a great mix of activities for the younger crowd this year including



a silent disco, bubble lady and face painting.

There was an amazing line up of musical talent with Megan Tweed, Rick Bonner, The Management Duo, The Tar Babies and the headline act Into the Blue. The performers soon got the crowd singing and dancing.

The volunteers of Brighter Uckfield kept an eye on litter throughout the day and AGB Event Services and Dragon Event Services were there to help set up and close down the event safely.

Uckfield Mayor, Cllr Jackie Love, thanked everyone for making it such a fantastic day and Holly Goring added "The event is a real team effort, and just highlights the fantastic community spirit in the town of Uckfield."

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## RON HILL - 1938 -2021

BY THE MAYOR CLLR JACKIE LOVE

On Saturday 21 August as we were all gathered together to get ready for the Weald on the Field event, we learnt about the sudden loss of our dear friend Ron Hill. On behalf of everyone at Uckfield Town Council we all send our heart-felt condolences to his wife Pauline and their family at this sad time.

### Huge supporter of the Town Council

Ron had the "pleasure" (he would say otherwise) of taking the photos of Councillors following an election, as well as when we elect our new Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He was always behind the lens reminding us to smile and breathe in, while giving that look over the top of his glasses that only Ron could give.

Ron was also one of our judges for the town's photographic competition for our annual town calendar. His love of



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photography, his eye for detail and that slight twist always ensured that the right photos were selected.

### We will miss you

Ron, we will all miss you so very much. You were our very own photographer, the man behind the lens and our dear friend who would moan about us dragging you away from the cricket.

**Everyone in the town knew you as a man with a huge and caring heart.**



**Parade starts at 10.15am then see the vehicles on Luxford Field. Refreshments and entertainment available - a great event for all the family**

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CENTENARY

BY CLLR KAREN BEDWELL

For 100 years the Royal British Legion has been working with members, veterans and families of the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force.

## The Torch of Remembrance

To mark the centenary of the Royal British Legion a Torch of Remembrance was relayed across both East and West Sussex. Uckfield Town Council joined with other councils to celebrate and commemorate their amazing work and lit the Beacon at 8pm on Saturday August 28 at Victoria Pleasure Ground.

## In attendance

Royal British Legion President John Carvey and members of the Uckfield Branch together with Mayor Jackie Love, Deputy Mayor Donna French and other town councillors attended the event. Members of the public gathered to hear Uckfield's Town Crier read the 'cry for peace'. Father John Wall said prayers for the Royal British Legion and in recognition of the work that our armed



forces continue today. John Carvey read the National remembrance prayer.

## The beacon was lit

The Beacon was lit by the Town Crier as Adam Everest from Uckfield Concert Brass played the Last Post.

As the Beacon burned and the sun set we remembered all those servicemen and servicewomen who have served, and continue to serve our country. We acknowledged the amazing work that the Royal British Legion does in supporting them and their families.



## LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

### Community Grant Programme for 2022/23

The Town Council will continue to run its annual Community Grant Programme in the next financial year; providing funding opportunities for local community groups, charitable organisations and the voluntary sector. Members of Finance Sub-Committee have been meeting to review the current procedures and ensure the application process remains streamlined and robust for the next funding round. It has been agreed that the application period for the award of funding during the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, will open on Monday 1 November 2021 and close on Sunday 16 January 2022. Watch this space for further info!

### Setting our priorities for 2022/23

The year is whizzing by, and as we move into the autumn months members will be tasked with reviewing the Town Council's services and considering our priorities for the next financial year. This is becoming more challenging with costs increasing in utilities, maintenance and major works currently impacted by shortages in supplies and

the impact of the pandemic. We also face new challenges in the town, with general issues such as ash dieback, an increasing population putting further pressure on infrastructure and facilities, and the balance of preserving our heritage and conservation, whilst providing for the town's future.

## Allotment Conference

**10 November 2021**  
**7pm**

**Weald Hall, Civic Centre**  
**Tea and coffee from**  
**6.45pm**

**Please send any questions or concerns in advance so we can make sure we have a response for you on the night**  
**email: [rachel@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:rachel@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

held in person either in the Weald Hall or Council Chamber at the Civic Centre. All meetings start at 7pm.

MON 4 OCT	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 11 OCT	– PLANS
MON 18 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 25 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 1 NOV	– PLANS
MON 8 NOV	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 15 NOV	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 22 NOV	– PLANS

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### COMING NEXT MONTH

- Uckfield Revival
- Focus on town council staff

