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MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

BY CllRS JACKIE LOVE AND DONNA FRENCH

With immense honour and a strong sense of standing together for Uckfield, Donna and I were elected for a further year as the towns Deputy Mayor and Mayor.

In the past two years we have both worked so very hard to support as much as we can in our beautiful town.

Alongside attending the many events, community group meetings and so much more in Uckfield we have also ensured along with all our colleagues (fellow Councillors, Officers and Staff) that our town is fully represented, your issues are acknowledged and that appropriate action is taken.

Donna and I will continue to follow this ethos through this next year.

Welcome to new members

We welcome new members to our Town Council, Cllrs Val Frost, Michael McClafferty, Bernadette Reed, Peter Selby and Peter Ullmann as your voices. After our first meeting as a new council I feel we will all come together to work as one team.

Weald on the Field


As a council our next event is the Weald on the Field. As always we will have live music, food and so much more. The date for your diaries is the 12 August and we would love to see you all at this now very popular event which started eight years ago when the high street works were being carried out. Each year Weald on the



Field humbles the event working group because we receive so many amazing comments about how important it is to you and how much you love it. Please do come again and join us and let's party together, as we can all do so well!

Kind regards

Cllrs Jackie Love and Donna French

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WHAT'S INSIDE

- Coronation Celebration
- New Councillors

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 6 May, the King's Coronation Celebration moved inside due to the weather but it was an excellent afternoon which saw residents come together to celebrate this momentous occasion and enjoy the entertainment. Performances from Uckfield Concert Brass, Holy Cross Children's Choir, Deborah Lamb Theatre Arts, Rosie Ann Page, Herve the Bagpiper, and Uckfield Soul Survivors.



As part of the King's national Big Help Out initiative, Cubs and Scouts, joined with members of the Uckfield Green Partnership, Churchcombe Residents' Association, Brighter Uckfield and Uckfield Town Council to undertake a clean-up of Downland Copse.



On Monday 8 May, volunteers from Brighter Uckfield and Uckfield Town Council joined with the Luxford Centre to clear and replant the flower beds at the entrance to the building.

TWO NEW UCKFIELD COUNCILLORS

BY COUNCILLOR PETER SELBY

I have lived firstly in Maresfield and then Uckfield since 1970. As Uckfield is set to become even larger over the next decade long-term planning and improvement to our infrastructure, is a priority.

Sports facilities

I would also like to see better sporting facilities available for the community. The proposed closure of the Leisure Centre is of serious concern. As an active UK Registered Athletics Coach, I am aware of the enormous benefits that sport, recreation and related activities are to all ages and is good training for youngsters.

About me

Although I retired a few years ago as a Chartered Surveyor I now work as Exam Invigilator at Uckfield College and live



close to the Town Centre. I am looking forward to serving on Uckfield Town Council which is a diverse and lively group working for the benefit of the town.

BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MCCLAFFERTY

I moved to Uckfield in 2018 with my wife and eldest son. A year later my youngest son was born and by then we had fallen in love with this wonderful town. Ever since, I thought how can I contribute to the town and its people. This led me to offering to serve on the Town Council.

About me

I am an engineer by profession and manage a local business in conjunction with my dad. I am a Buddhist and am passionate about science, the environment, politics, sci-fi, and video games.

I am excited by the challenges ahead during which I will endeavour to support the residents of our town and to enhance the community,



Coming next month: Meet our three new co-opted Councillors

UCKFIELD TOWN CRIER

Town Criers or Bellmen have been used as a chief form of communicating news amongst towns and villages for centuries with records dating back to medieval England. Records of the 'Crier' can be found in North America, Asia, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Africa.

Historic role

When many people were illiterate the Town Crier shared news, made Royal Proclamations, announced local byelaws, advertised market days and the selling of goods. The Crier was also responsible for escorting the destitute to the workhouse, placing minor criminals in the stocks, and during public hangings announced why the person was being hanged and helped to cut them down when the rope had done its worst.

Today there are over 144 towns in England and Wales with town criers registered with the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers. They mainly perform ceremonial duties at civic functions, advertise local events, make Royal Proclamations and meet VIP's when they visit.

Our Town Crier; Ian Bedwell, has been in his role since 2018. It is a voluntary post



within the Town Council and he wears the Sussex Colours rather than the more traditional crimson and gold.

Promoting at Uckfield Market Place

When there are events that need to be promoted in the Uckfield area, our Town Crier can be found at midday on Saturdays at Uckfield Market place, by the steps in the centre of Town, outside Hartfields. His cries are recorded and then shared on social media.

Local clubs and community groups can use the Town Crier for free to advertise their events and the Town Crier can also attend events and functions throughout the year for a small contribution. All bookings should be made through Uckfield Town Council.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be viewed 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. All questions should be directed to the

MON 5 JUN	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 12 JUN	- PLANS
MON 19 JUN	- GENERAL PURPOSES
WED 28 JUN	- FULL COUNCIL (ACCOUNTS)
MON 3 JUL	- PLANS
MON 10 JUL	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 17 JUL	- GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 24 JUL	- PLANS
MON 31 JUL	- FULL COUNCIL

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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Co-opted members
- Standing committees
- Organisation representatives

