



## COUNCILLORS SOAPBOX

### FALLING FOUL OF DOG MESS

BY CLLR PETER SELBY

Whether you are a dog owner or not, we all know how unpleasant it can be to come across dog poo on the pavement or playing field and even worse if you step in it or go through it with your pushchair or wheelchair. Not only does it smell unpleasant but also it is unhygienic and can be a serious health risk, especially to young children, and can have a life-changing impact.

#### Clearing up before facilities are used

It is also not right that dog mess has to be cleared away from our sports pitches and recreational areas before games and events can begin.



#### Most dog owners are responsible

We know that most dog owners in the town are responsible and clear up after their pets. However, it is important to remind all dog owners about cleaning up the little 'messages' left by their dogs.

#### Poo Bags

Please carry with you, and use, 2-3 poo bags (always useful having a couple of spares). These are not expensive and can be purchased from local pet shops.

Setting an example to other dog walkers and teaching children the proper management of dogs (and any pet) is important for the owner, the public, and of course the pet, dog or otherwise.

So please do: **Pick up the Poo, Bag the Poo, Bin the Poo.** Let us leave the street, paths and parks of Uckfield clear and clean. Wuf Wuf!

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## WEALD ON THE FIELD - WHAT A DAY!

Wow...what a crowd! Uckfield and friends turned out in force to enjoy a day of food, drink, children's entertainment and live music and much more on Saturday 12 August. A big thank you to everyone who supported the day.

Uckfield Town Council would like to thank everyone who came and supported the traders and entertainment at the Weald on the Field! Everyone was amazing and didn't let the brief rain showers ruin the fun!

**A big thank you to Food Rocks** who work with the Council to bring the event together. What a fantastic variety of stalls - street food, breweries, distilleries, local produce and crafts. We appreciate all of the traders' hard work on Saturday.

**Thank you to the sponsors** – Uckfield Chamber of Commerce, Lawson Commercial, Dawson Hart Solicitors, Eastbourne Motoring Centre, CPJ Field and Lawson Queay Chartered Surveyors.

**Thank you to the suppliers** - Airstream Stages, A.M Skip Hire, Belmont Centre,

C J Thorne & Co, Dragon Event Services, Dukes Lettings, Luxford Centre, Southern Events, St Johns Ambulance, Sussex Party Bales, Truloo Event Hire, Uckfield & District Lions Club and the support received from APCOA Parking, Network Rail and Wealden District Council to offer free parking all day.

### Fantastic music

It was really lovely to see people enjoying a fantastic line up of music with some amazing talent from The Management Duo, Midnight Cannonball, Pentacle Drummers, Dynamite, All Their Kings Fall and our headline act The Kavemen.

### Fabulous crowd

As you were such a fabulous crowd, it looks like we might have to do it again next year! Thanks all!



## WHAT'S ON AT THE CIVIC CENTRE IN OCTOBER

### BEATLEMANIA!

Take a trip back to the 60s and 70s with the ultimate Beatles concert experience. Performed by a band who are firmly established as one of the worlds' leading Beatles tribute acts with over twenty years experience and performing throughout the UK and internationally to thousands of people.



Friday 13 October 2023 - 7.30pm

Tickets £25

### The 38th Uckfield Model Railway Exhibition

The Uckfield Model Railway Club is holding it's Annual Exhibition again in 2023 following on from the highly successful event held last year. Once again they will be featuring a selection of some of the best quality layouts around. There will be full trade support as well as demonstration and society stands. Luxfords Restaurant will have extended opening hours covering both days. The perfect show for all the family.



### 38th UCKFIELD MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Saturday 21 Oct -Sunday 22 Oct

Tickets: Adults £9 plus two children free

### Celebrating George Michael

It will be a celebration of this truly loved artist from his early Wham! days, through to his more mature and seasoned style. A must-see show for all George Michael fans featuring the acclaimed Steve Mitchell.

*"Steve has the voice of George Michael, so uncanny and incredible. Close your eyes and it's George Michael." ... BBC Radio*

Come and celebrate the life, the love, and the music of George Michael.



Saturday 28 October 2023

Tickets: £25

## LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

### The Hub

Formerly known as the Teachers Centre this building sits on an important site in the centre of Uckfield town centre. The Hub has been an integral facility for the community of Uckfield since it was purchased by the Town Council back in 2007 after the site was put up for sale by East Sussex County Council. At the time the sale generated a lot of interest after there were concerns that it would be lost to commercial enterprise. The Town Council purchased the site in order to retain this important space next to the Civic Centre and Luxford Field for the benefit of the community.

### Poor Condition

The Hub was leased to Wealden Citizen's Advice (CAB) until 2020, when the Town Council supported the transfer of CAB services into the East Sussex County Council owned premises at Uckfield Library. Sadly, the condition of the Hub became very poor having far outlived the original lifespan of the building. The Source was a latter addition to the Hub and was formerly used as a Youth Club before being leased to Uckfield Baptist Church who brought the building into use for the benefit of local

community-based groups.

### Safe Demolition

The process to arrange the safe demolition of the Hub has taken around 18 months and its dismantling commenced early September. Despite detailed planning, the availability of the utility companies determined the commencement date of the works which was rather quicker than anticipated.

A big thank you for bearing with the community organisations using the site whilst they temporarily relocated.

### Site is still an important asset

We would like to reassure residents that although the Hub has been demolished for everyone's safety, the site will remain an important asset for the town. The Uckfield Baptist Church will continue in the Source, supporting the use of groups such as the Uckfield Food Bank, Fair Trade, Chippers Toddlers Group and more, and the Uckfield Community Fridge will continue to look out onto Luxford Field, until a more permanent community-based facility is developed for the town on this important site. Once again thank you for your patience and understanding.

## 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 9 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 16 OCT	– PLANS
MON 23 OCT	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 30 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 6 NOV	– PLANS
MON 13 NOV	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 27 NOV	– PLANS

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### COMING NEXT MONTH

- Allotment Conference Report
- Community Grants
- Councillors Soapbox

