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KEEPING CARING SPIRIT ALIVE AS THE TOWN GROWS

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If you ask Uckfield residents to name their favourite thing about Uckfield, the answer is often 'the community spirit'. This is something we can all be very proud of. As our town expands, though, it has got me thinking - how do we continue to foster and grow this sentiment?

As new houses are built further away from the heart of town, it *could* become difficult to do this. BUT, we can all play our part by sharing the joy of living in this community with our new neighbours.

I will start by saying a huge welcome to our newer residents and by highlighting some of the wonderful venues, events and groups that can be found in the town. In the heart of Uckfield, we have the Civic Centre and Luxford Field. The Civic Centre hosts wonderful events and is also home to Luxfords Restaurant. All upcoming entertainment is listed on the Civic Centre website (a brief preview is also on the next page), and you can also sign up for 'What's On' emails. Rooms are available to rent and Town Council meetings are held upstairs, with the public welcome to attend. Councillor contact details are on the website.



Luxford Field is an amazing asset and is the venue for fayres, the Weald on the Field festival, the fairground and many more events throughout the year! Foresters Hall in New Town and Ridgewood Village Hall (RVH) are popular places for children's parties. RVH has a packed diary including a community lunch, a baby and toddler group, and much more. See their website!

We have a brilliant Foodbank and a Community Fridge, open to everyone. Victoria Pavilion is the home of Sussex Support Service, offering daycare for those living with Dementia, Parkinson's Disease and in social isolation. Victoria Arts are located there too.

There are so many great things to list, and I will hopefully return with more soon! Before I sign off, I would really welcome your feedback. Please drop me a line at: donna.french@uckfieldtc.gov.uk
I may include your comments next time.



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UCKFIELD EVENTS THIS SPRING

A beautiful spring season reaches its peak this May, and there are countless events going on around the town to celebrate.

There are Bank Holidays at both ends of the month, on Monday 5th and Monday 26th May, and plenty of opportunities to get out and about both before and during the school holidays too.

Whether in the heart of town or going further afield, here is our pick of the best events to get involved in!

Pop-Up Bowie - Saturday 3rd May

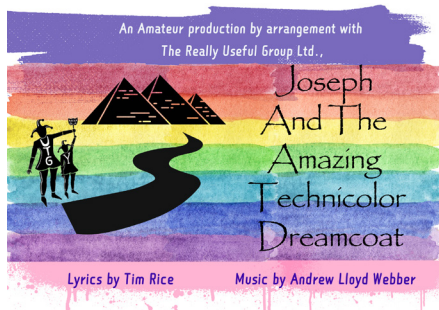
Kicking off the month at the Civic Centre, we welcome one of the UK's best tribute acts. Pop-Up Bowie appeared as David Bowie in the 2013 film 'Rush', and his versions of the legend's hits are equally spot-on.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Event - Monday 5th May

A week of nationwide activities to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day includes a FREE Bank Holiday celebration at the Civic Centre. See the advert (right)!

Holy Cross Church Spring Festival - Saturday 10th May

Always a popular event in the town, the Spring Festival returns on Luxford Field. Expect plenty of food, drink, games, activities, inflatables, stallholders, music and entertainment at this FREE event!



Streets of Wealden - Saturday 24th May

Yet more free entertainment to brighten your May! Wealden District Council and Arts Council England join forces with 18 Hours to send a group of street performers into Uckfield - who knows what could happen!

Luxford Beer Garden - Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th May

Three Acre Brewery host a two-day pop-up beer garden on Luxford Field, with street food, live music and stalls to accompany their brilliant beers!

Relight Robbie and Kylie on Show - Saturday 24th May

Finish a busy day in style with the best of 2000s pop, as top-quality Robbie Williams and Kylie Minogue tributes rock the Civic Centre stage!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Thursday 29th to Saturday 31st May

Rounding off the month, Uckfield Theatre Guild bring their best show yet to the Civic Centre - a full-scale Joseph production, complete with a live band. With four performances to choose from, we might see you more than once! To see all events at the Civic Centre, visit www.civiccentreuckfield.com/whats-on

MARKING VE DAY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

80th Anniversary of VE Day



Join us!



VE Day 80th

Mon 5th May

12pm - 4pm

Visit www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk for more details.

An afternoon street party-style celebration at the Civic Centre Uckfield, featuring:

- Uckfield Theatre Guild
- Uckfield Concert Brass
- Uckfield Singers
- Rosie Ann Page
- Street food trucks
- Craft and heritage stalls



RECREATION GROUND RENOVATIONS

BY HOLLY GORING, TOWN CLERK



On Monday 19 May 2025, renovation works will commence on the town's football pitches at Harlands, New Barn, Victoria and West Park. This will involve the preparation of the ground prior to the application of fertiliser, sports silica sand topdressing, and grass seed. Contractors will be working alongside Grounds staff on this. Please note that no football clubs are allowed to undertake training or matches for eight weeks from Monday 19 May. We would therefore be grateful if members of the public could refrain from playing in the goal mouths during this period, to enable the ground to recover prior to training commencing mid-July, and the season in August.

Defibrillators

Uckfield is fortunate to have a number of defibrillators on hand should emergency services or the public require them. Uckfield & District Lions Club have been fantastic in funding or part-funding a large number of these defibrillators. To view all defibrillators in our area, please visit: <https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/defibrillators-in-uckfield/>

Victoria Play Area Public Consultation

With the deadline for companies to tender for the Victoria Pleasure Ground Play Area contract falling on 16 May, we would love local residents to join us in reviewing their designs.

Selected companies will be invited to present their designs on Saturday 31 May, from 10:00am to 1:30pm. This will take place at the Civic Centre Uckfield's Ashdown Room. So, pop along, take a look, and let us know what you think!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on the Town Council website at <https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes/>. Meetings are held in

person in the Council Chamber at The Civic Centre and all start at 7pm. All questions should be sent to the Town Clerk at: admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

MON 12 MAY	- PLANS
MON 19 MAY	- ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING
TUE 27 MAY	- ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
MON 2 JUNE	- PLANS
MON 9 JUNE	- GENERAL PURPOSES

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Weald on the Field 2025
- Mayor's Reception Recap
- Last Month in Your Council
- Upcoming Meetings

