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## EVENTS PAST AND FUTURE

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Uckfield Town Council organises several events over the year to provide residents with a varied and interesting calendar of things to do.

### Weald on the Field.

Saturday 4 August promised to be a roaring success. The weather was brilliant, hot and sunny and the Luxford Field was crammed with stalls, marquees and the Farmers' Market, all set ready for a great day. Uckfield Town Council with support from Wealden District Council, Uckfield Chamber of Commerce, Food Rocks, Uckfield FM and various sponsors organised Weald on the Field to celebrate and promote local firms and suppliers along with local musical talent and groups. As 10.00am approached the field became alive and remained busy and



vibrant until closing time at 8.00pm. A great event, well supported and enjoyed by all those who attended.

### Uckfield Revival

The Events Working Group, having successfully despatched 'Weald on the Field', are now organising the annual Classic Car Revival. This is to be held on Saturday 6 October when up to 100 classic cars and interesting vehicles will assemble at the Highlands Inn. They will then parade through the Town to Luxford Field for viewing and to form a magnificent display. An event not to be missed so add it to your calendar. If you would like to take part please email [townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk).

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## COUNCILLOR DANIEL MANVELL

Hi everybody,

I was very pleased to be elected as a Town Councillor for Uckfield North Ward and very proud to be the youngest ever Uckfield Town Councillor. I might even be the youngest in the country, which is a very great privilege! I've been involved with the Town Council since May 2017, when I was co-opted as a Youth Member and I've formed great working relationships with many of the councillors.

I aim to continue the work already started to re-establish a working youth centre and I'm very pleased to see the Duke of Edinburgh awards continue.

I've attended Uckfield schools all my life, having been to Holy Cross Primary School and then UCTC, and I have just completed A Levels in History, German, and Chemistry. I'm hoping to go to University, where I will study Law and German Law. Other than politics, I enjoy travelling to new places, getting together with friends and meeting new people. I've recently been involved with the Uckfield Festival Association Committee, as well as a charity event raising money for Community First Responders, and I can't wait to get involved with more in the future! Thank you to everyone that voted for me; I look forward to serving out the remainder of my term as your Town Councillor!



## ANNOUNCING A DOUBLE MAKE-OVER

### Luxfords Restaurant

Luxfords Restaurant in the Civic Centre will be undergoing a major refurbishment this autumn. It will re-open as a new, modern, contemporary restaurant while retaining its welcoming and friendly ambience and range of renowned home-made lunches, light snacks and speciality teas and coffees.

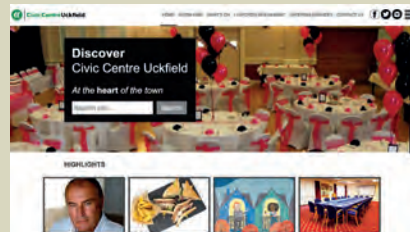
### Italian Opera Dinner

In addition to our normal daytime menu, we are planning lots of new themed evening events to maximise the new restaurant facilities. Why not come along to our first themed event - An Italian Opera Dinner - an evening of sumptuous Italian food with our Glyndebourne soprano Thomasin Trezise performing favourite opera arias. Pre-booking is essential. Visit our new website for more details.

### New Civic Centre Website

We are pleased to announce that we have launched a new civic centre website which you can see at [www.civiccentreuckfield.com](http://www.civiccentreuckfield.com)

We hope you find it a more enjoyable and informative experience. The website details the facilities available at the Civic Centre including room hire, catering services, Luxfords Restaurant and all the events that are in the pipeline. We will be developing the website further in the coming months.



## ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE

The allotment conference is a really useful get-together so please come along and use this opportunity to raise any questions or concerns you may have.

It would be helpful if you could submit your questions and concerns in advance so that we can have answers and responses for you on the night. Please send them to: Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE or e-mail: [angela@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:angela@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

### Allotment Competition

At the conference, we will be announcing the winners of the Allotment Competition 2018. The competition this year has been generously sponsored by Staverton Nursery Ltd and Sam and Phil (see right) undertook the judging on Wednesday 18 July 2018.

### The Competition Categories

The category for **Best Kept Allotment** produced five winners - one for each of the following sites:-

- West Park
- Bell Lane
- Framfield Road
- Ridgewood
- Bird In Eye

Each winner will receive a prize of £25 in garden vouchers.

In addition, from the five winners selected, there was one **Overall Winner** chosen whose name will be added to the plaque held at the Civic Centre.

This year we included a new category for the **Most Creative Allotment** which was judged against all the allotments across Uckfield. This winner will also received £25 in garden vouchers.

And finally, the children's competition was to grow the **Tallest Sunflower**. The winner will receive £25 in garden vouchers.

We would like to thank Staverton Nursery for their time and sponsorship.

## ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE

11 September 2018  
7.00pm  
Weald Hall  
Civic Centre, Uckfield  
Tea and coffee from  
6.30pm



Sam and Phil from Staverton Nursery who judged the competition this year



## LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

During the summer season, the House of Commons usually break for a summer recess giving members and staff a lighter few weeks and chance to rest, ready for the busy months ahead. But oh no, that's not true for Uckfield! Uckfield Town Council has been busy with committee meetings throughout July and August, organising summer events and continuing to deliver important projects for the benefit of the town's residents and businesses.

### Priorities

The Quarterly Progress Update, reported to Full Council, highlighted that just three months in to the financial year, the Town Council had made an excellent start towards delivering its priorities.

### Sprucing up

Maintenance and decorative works are gradually advancing to the Town Council's buildings.

### Communication advances

In terms of communication, the Civic Centre has developed its new website at [www.civiccentreuuckfield.com](http://www.civiccentreuuckfield.com) which will be officially launched shortly; two new noticeboards have been placed up at Harlands Farm and Elizabeth Gardens; and the Town Crier is now fully suited and booted for his role in communicating key messages to the town on Saturday lunchtimes.

### Allotments

The judging of the allotment competition has taken place and preparations are underway for the Allotment Conference on 11 September.

### Green Spaces

The final pieces of seating and equipment are going in at Hughes Way Play area and work continues with Wealden District Council to map our town's beautiful green open spaces.

### Time to review

So - a time for early reflection, but September will see Town Councillors come together to start reviewing what's important to you as residents and consider the priorities for 2019/2020. The Draft budget will be presented to Full Council in early December, so the next few weeks will see staff seeking estimates for projects and priorities that members wish to explore.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Full Council agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library. 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 be given at the meeting.

10 SEPTEMBER	– FULL COUNCIL
12 SEPTEMBER	– FINANCE GRANTS (Weds)
17 SEPTEMBER	– PLANS
1 OCTOBER	– GENERAL PURPOSES
8 OCTOBER	– PLANS
15 OCTOBER	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
22 OCTOBER	– FULL COUNCIL
29 OCTOBER	– PLANS

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk. Please email: [admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

### COMING NEXT MONTH

- Introducing the Civic Centre
- Town centre improvements
- Allotment Conference
- Uckfield Revival

