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GATWICK – LOVE IT OR HATE IT

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Our local international airport engenders very strong passion and feelings amongst many residents and some of the population of both East and West Sussex.

Over the years Uckfield Town Council has been interested in, and kept a watching brief on, the current developments and future proposals at Gatwick Airport and their effect on our town and community. This involvement has included attending meetings and seminars on noise, transport, environmental pollution and other matters associated with the airport. These also included discussions on the benefits that the whole area, including Uckfield, derive from the airport and all its numerous affiliated businesses and companies.

Copies of the Gatwick Airport reports are available in the Civic Centre and they give detailed progress on these important matters.

Nick Dunn of Gatwick Airport said: "Gatwick's global connectivity has grown dramatically now offering 67 long-haul routes. We have ambitious plans for the future with a commitment to invest over £3billion between 2010 and 2023."

It has been estimated that the airport complex itself generates directly



£1.6billion to the local economy and this rises to £2.3billion when the surrounding area is included. Employment in the airport provides 24,000 jobs, again rising to 36,000 for the area.

The Town Council realises that this directly affects Uckfield. Many residents either work at the airport, or in one of the many subsidiary businesses and this then contributes towards the economic strengths of our community.

Finally, Gatwick currently handles 45 million passengers a year and provides a very convenient local facility for all our residents wishing to travel abroad for pleasure or business.

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ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

During July two independent judges from Staverton Nursery have been inspecting and assessing the town's allotments. The results of this competition will be announced at the forthcoming conference. We are very grateful to Staverton Nursery for their involvement, input and the provision of the prizes.

ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE

11 September 2018
7.00pm
Ashdown Room
Civic Centre, Uckfield
Tea and coffee from 6.45pm

The Conference is a really useful get together so please use this opportunity to raise any questions or concerns, it would be helpful if you could submit them in advance to: Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE or e-mail: angela@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

We do hope that you will attend

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Uckfield Town Council provides grants and general support to small local groups promoting community life in Uckfield. Application packs are now available from the Town Council Office or by phoning 01825 762774. Alternatively, an application pack can be downloaded www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/Town-Council-Grants-2019-2020.aspx. All applications will be decided upon at the Finance Sub-Committee meeting on 12 September 2018 at 6.30pm. Organisations should send a representative along to attend this meeting. Successful applicants receive their grants in May 2019 with payment of the second half of the grant in October 2019 for those awarded in excess of £1000.



GRANTS 2019/2020

Applications invited from
Uckfield Voluntary Organisations

Application forms can be downloaded
from www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk

or requested by post via:
Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre,
Uckfield TN22 1AE
Tel: 01825 762774
Email: linda@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE

Friday 31 August 2018

After which date the Council will be
unable to consider applications

WEALD ON THE FIELD

FREE ENTRY

Uckfield District Chamber of Commerce

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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FOOD ROCKS

SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 2018 - 10.00AM - 8.00PM

FANTASTIC MUSIC LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

As well as amazing food, drink and craft stalls there's plenty to keep you entertained. Lots of activities to keep the little ones happy and appearing on the Bullet Stage this year are the following amazing acts:

12noon: Callum Taylor

Callum Taylor is a talented local singer and guitar player. We believe this young man will go far!

1.30pm: The Red Butler Music School Showcase

Red Butler really wowed us last year as our final act. For 2018 they will be introducing some of the talented students from their music school. With such awesome tutors, we know you're in for a treat!

3.00pm: The Violet Jive - sponsored by Richard Green Funeral Services

The Violet Jive are a unique covers band with a twist. A bit of Latino, rock & roll and swing. They'll be sure to get everyone up dancing

4.30pm: Acoustic Management - sponsored by Back on Track

Local duo Mike and Dudley will be playing a selection of acoustic favourites mostly from the 60s and 70s.

6.30pm: The Tom Fitzpatrick Band - sponsored by EMC, Uckfield

The Tom Fitzpatrick Band has achieved success with their unique sound. They'll play some legendary swing tunes and also their own unique versions of modern classics.

We are very grateful to the local businesses who have kindly sponsored the entertainment.



LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

It's Uckfield's busiest time of the year when we all get in the swing of the long days and summer weekends and a range of activities take place across the town in our lovely green open spaces.



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Road Safety Day

The annual road safety day which took place in June saw over 200 children attend from local primary schools. The day sought to educate young children about the importance of safety when walking, cycling or driving, and this year looked at road safety, safety near the cliffs, safety near railways, and safety when cycling on the roads. It was an excellent

day, which educated the children through interaction and fun activities.

Lewes Road

Members have been busy responding to consultations – the first being a proposed highway scheme for Lewes Road near to the two new access points into the Ridgewood Farm development. The proposals intended to reduce the speed of traffic with the use of signage and road markings, but members felt the proposals were limited and might not have the intended impact. They suggested that further traffic calming measures should be incorporated and requested that the

developer revise their proposals.

Polling stations

The Town Council also responded to a consultation on polling stations, with members being asked to comment on the accessibility of the polling stations currently used in Uckfield. Members felt that the polling station at the front of Manor Primary School often experienced traffic congestion outside; people living in Harlands, had quite a walk to Ridgewood Village Hall; and Foresters Hall often struggled with parking when the car park got busy. These comments were sent to Wealden District Council's election team for consideration.

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.

6 AUGUST	– PLANS
20 AUGUST	– GENERAL PURPOSES
28 AUGUST	– PLANS
3 SEPTEMBER	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
10 SEPTEMBER	– FULL COUNCIL
12 SEPTEMBER	– FINANCE GRANTS (Weds)
17 SEPTEMBER	– PLANS

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk. Please email: admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Uckfield Revival
- New Councillor
- Allotment Competition

