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"A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled." Sir Barnett Cocks



### Yes to buildit-yourself

A site for seven selfbuild houses in Laughton has been given the go-ahead by a planning inspector, after rejection by Wealden District Council.

The land, off Shortgate Lane, just to the north of The Roebuck Inn would provide serviced plots, with buyers bringing

their own designs. The inspector noted that the applicants now proposed legal agreements on footpaths, a contribution to local bus services, and action to protect wildlife, including bats and Great Crested Newts. He granted conditional planning approval.



Lewes MP James MacCleary has been on a whistle-stop tour of the constituency, visiting Glynde, Ringmer and Laughton last week. On Saturday 9th August, he'll be at Ripe Village Stores from 10am, and taking a look round the new community field from 11am.

These Hills, the beer festival started in 2022 by the Beak Brewery, moves this year from the Party Field just south of Lewes to a new home at Glynde Place.



It runs on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August, with day and evening tickets providing access to beers, ciders and more from 40+ of the world's best producers, plus live music, DJs and street-food.



The second of this summer's outdoor movie nights at The Roebuck Inn is coming up on Saturday 16th August, with a showing of the Elton John bio-pic, Rocketman. Free entry, and barbecue food available.

The Megadrives provide the live music at The Yew Tree, Chalvington, on Saturday 9th August, starting at 4.30pm.





#### Good darts!

Two oches were on the go for 24 hours at the Deanland Dartathon last weekend. Together with a tombola and raffle, the event has raised more than £3,000 for Prostate Cancer UK and Breast Cancer Now, nearly double the fundraisers' target.



# BEACHY HEAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PENNY FARTHING HILL CLIMB TIME TRIAL SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

## Bigger bikes

Watch out for penny-farthing cyclists on our lanes this week, warming up for the 8th Annual Beachy Head World Championship Penny Farthing Hill Climb.

There are already 32 entrants from around the world coming for the time trial, taking place

from 10am on Sunday 10th August. They set off from the Western Lawns near the Grand Hotel, and take around 12 minutes to cover the 4.69km to the Beachy Head car park.

# Celebrating farming history

The Arlington Pop-up Museum team bring an evening of farming history to Arlington Village Hall on Saturday 9th August.



There's an exhibition opening at 4pm; at 6.30pm, a showing of film footage of farming in Michelham in the 1940s; and at 7.30pm an illustrated talk by Ian Everest "From Sussex Ox to Fordson Major". Entry by donation.



Watch out for closures, delays and diversions on Church Lane, Laughton, between 14th and 18th August, as South East Water make a new connection.



#### Garden day

Limekiln Farm in Chalvington is having an 'Open Garden Day' in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice on Saturday 9th August, from 11am to 4pm. Entrance by donation, talks on the Physic Garden at 11.30am and 2.30pm, tea, coffee and cake available, dogs on leads welcome.



Next service: Sunday 10th August, Holy Communion at All Saints', Laughton, at 10.30am, led by Revd Lucy Hollingsworth.