



The Bugle

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One instinctively knows when something is right
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"Progress might have been all right once, but it has gone on too long."
Ogden Nash

Housing plan backed by council



Lead councillor
Rachel Millward
announcing the
vote, which split
the Greens

A full meeting of Wealden District Council on Friday voted 20 - 16 to move forward with the new draft local plan, setting out proposals for 16,833 more houses over 15 years.

In the next stage, residents, businesses, town and parish councils can make comments on whether they think the plan is legally compliant and sound. The consultation lasts six weeks from today, before it returns to the Council and then goes to a Planning Inspector.

Meanwhile councillor Alison Wilson notes the plan has a new development boundary for Laughton (in brown) with an assumption that proposals inside the area will be approved unless outweighed by adverse effects.

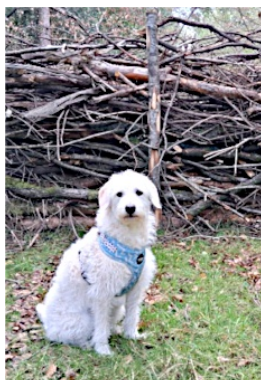


Laughton Community Primary School has got a new series of Open Days coming up - Friday 2nd October, Monday 19th October and Tuesday 17th November, at 9:30am and 1:30pm. To book your place, please contact the school office or visit www.laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk.



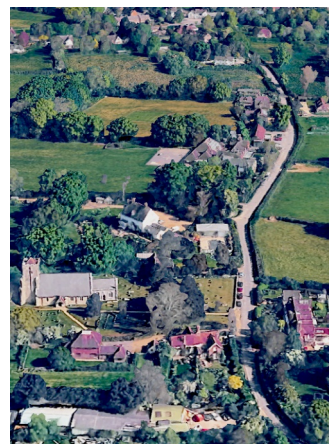
There's a Clothes Swap Sale coming up at The Coach House, Glynde Place, on Saturday 10th October, from 10am to 1pm. A £15 ticket allows you to bring up to five items and take five away. There will be refreshments and a raffle, all in support of the Glynde & Beddingham Pool. Tickets from Glynde Stores, or call 07985 176133

The team at Laughton Greenwood have just put up a series of dead hedges around five smaller ponds, designed to support the Great Crested Newt. They hope both walkers and their dogs will get the message and keep away.



Now Laughton tries for 20

Laughton Parish Council is backing a move proposed by local resident David Larkin for a 20mph speed limit on Church Lane. Earlier this year, Chalvington with Ripe dropped their pursuit of a limit in Ripe village, because of large design and implementation cost estimates from East Sussex Highways.



Mr Larkin is now looking for messages of support for the proposal from all interested parties, including the School, the Nursery, the Village Hall and the Church.



UK Power Networks send in the drones

After complaints about electricity cutting out on a regular basis, UK Power Networks are sending in a drone team to inspect overhead power lines and pylons in the Ripe and Chalvington area. The news came in a warning to the team at Kittyhawk Aerodrome that drones will be operating from Tuesday until next Monday.



There'll be temporary lights tonight (Monday 21st September) at Ripe level crossing. Also watch for overnight lane closures along the A27 locally overnight for hedge-cutting this week.



Fun Dog Show this Saturday

The weather looks set fair for Saturday's Fun Dog Show at Ripe community field (remember, it succumbed to the heat last year). Entries on the day, petanque, bar, food and music from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Left: Brian Hill with new improved petanque signage for the event, donated by the Hill family.



Food offers at The Roebuck Inn this week: Tuesday sees the return of Ye Old Spud Shoppe, Thursday is a Thai Food Special Menu, with booking essential.



Next service: Sunday 27th September 10:30 am Laughton Praise and Prayer; celebrating creativity and Creation, Led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.



Above: Laughton & District Agricultural Society Ploughing Match at Houndean, by Lucy Carnaghan; more on the Society's website. Right: a red dragonfly caught resting by Eric Hunter. Below, a confused winter-flowering cherry, out in September in the garden of David Shattock.

