



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."

Thomas Jefferson



Speak to planning committee from home

If you want to speak about a planning application at a Wealden Council Committee, you can now do it via computer. You register when the agenda is published, usually a week before, as if you were attending in person. You will be sent a link, using Microsoft Teams, and should join the meeting at least ten minutes before your appointed time.

- A planning inspector has overturned Wealden's objections to a 190-house estate from developers Croudace on the east side of Uckfield, at Bird-in-Eye Hill, along the B2102. The inspector said the benefits of the scheme outweighed its harms, granting planning permission with conditions.



High voltage cable and ducting work by UK Power Networks will close the level crossing on Firle Road

from 8am on Wednesday 27th August until 6pm on Sunday 1st September.

Very good darts

The Deanland Dartathon, in support of Prostate Cancer UK and Breast Cancer Now, raised a final total of £4,032, exceeding their £3,500 target this year. Thanks to everyone who took part and supported the event.

Fun on the Green

Ringmer's Picnic on The Green happens today, Bank Holiday Monday, organised by the Parish Council. There'll be pizza, baked potatoes, waffles and ice-cream; and music from Skull Drummery and Rock Choir East Sussex, plus line dancing with Steps Dance Club. It starts at 1pm.

Below a clump of naturalised Evening Primrose, or Evening Star, introduced from North America to British botanical gardens in the 1600s as an ornamental plant - but it quickly escaped to grow in the wild. Often surrounded by moths for its nighttime nectar, which in turn attract bats; in the early mornings, you'll see bees. Its seeds are favoured by finches. A separate Bugle would be needed to debate the claimed medicinal properties of evening primrose oil.....



Ripe stoolball team celebrating their first win this season against Adastra, Hassocks. Highlights included Emma Blackwell getting a hat-trick in her first over, and four players retiring on 20 runs, as per August league rules. Adastra needed 14 runs from their last over, but were held to 9.



Diary date: There'll be a special Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm on Sunday 5th

October, at Laughton Village Hall. Everybody is welcome to come to the lunch, as long as they register in advance at either Laughton Village Shop or Ripe Village Store. No charge - but donations to the 'Fabric Fund' welcome.

It's a chance to meet new Rector Steve Osei-Mensah and his wife Emma. Steve will be taking services on that day, at 8.30am in Chalvington, and at 11.00am in Laughton. The 11.00 service will feature a song by children from Ripe Nursery School.



Next service: Sunday 31st August at 10.30am, Holy Communion, St. John the Baptist, Ripe. This will be the last service in Ripe church before works begin to repair the roof; and the church should reopen on 19th December.

Broad Farm in Hellingly hosts the final day of their 2025 Festival of Transport today, organised by the Eastbourne Historic Vehicle Club. Open 10am to 5pm. Entrance is £10 adults, £8 OAP and £3 children.



Inn and around...

Expect folk, roots and Americana when the 21 Whiskeys (from Tunbridge Wells) play the Yew Tree in Chalvington on Saturday 30th August from 4.30pm.



The three-acre country garden at Camberlot Hall, Lower Dicker, BN27 3RH, is open in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice on Saturday 30th August, 11am to 4pm. No dogs, please.

