



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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Short but to the point

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"Judge of a man by his questions rather than by his answers."

Voltaire

Field deal

The 14 acres of farmland in the centre of Ripe known as Follingers Field has been sold, subject to contract, according to estate agents Rowland Gorringer. Marketed as "grazing/pasture land", it was priced at £225,000.



Unhinged

New for summer 2025: someone keeps taking the gate bit of the kissing gate between Ripe Churchyard and the 'nursery' field off its hinges...

Soloists for the finale concert of The Villages Music Festival, singing Handel's Dixit Dominus alongside Laughton Village Choir, will be Gigi Casey, Ben Hancox-Lachman and Lawrence Gillians. Tickets at villagesmusicfestival.org, or from our local shops.



It was light when it started, but at the end of extensive questioning, "Thommo's Comb Over" were runaway winners of the quiz night in the Yew Tree marquee organised by Ripe and Chalvington Stoolball team.



David Shattock captured this dragonfly in Ripe; it's a female Broad-bodied Chaser, around 40mm long, which takes flight in May and June. Numbers have been increasing in the UK since the 1970s.



Doggy showtime at Laughton Fete

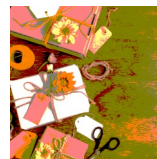


The 2024 competition

The Laughton Fete opens on the fields behind the Village Hall on Saturday 7th June from 2pm to 5pm; and Laughton's Top Dog Show starts at 3pm. The categories are Gorgeous Girl, Handsome Hound, Waggiest Tail/Wiggliest Bum, Superdog (with a disability), Best Buddies (child & dog) and Best Tricks, with prizes donated by The Pet Store, Ringmer.

Next door, All Saints' Church will be open for a Flower Festival. And if you'd like to contribute either some flowers to be arranged, or an arrangement small or large, the church will be open from Thursday.

The afternoon will also feature family games, food and drink, live music, and artisan stalls. Don't forget the Village Barbecue at the Roebuck Inn follows from 5pm.



The following day, at Deanland Wood Park Social Centre, a Summer Arts and Craft Fayre on Sunday 8th June, runs from 10am to 2pm. There'll also be a raffle and refreshments.

Nash Street Farm in Chiddingfold is once again the venue for the Rainbow Run, raising funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice. It starts at 11.30am on Saturday 7th June. There'll be seven paint stations, two foam stations and one big paint party for families to negotiate over 5 kilometres - but you have to register first via events.stwhospice.org/event/rainbow-run/home



VE Film

The VE Day documentary about two Battle of Britain pilots brought a good audience to Ripe Village Hall, raising funds for the church roof.

And the donated tickets for Glyndebourne, up for grabs in a silent auction, boosted the night's figure by a generous £1,201. Coming in September: Art From The Parish, with an exhibition at Chalvington Church running as part of the Artwave Festival - more details soon.



The next church service in the parish will be Pentecost Holy Communion, at 10.30am on Sunday 8th June in All Saints', Laughton, led by Revd Frank Fox-Wilson.

There's a plan to mark Peter Barron's contribution to Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club with a memorial bench. The details of his funeral, at Wealden Crematorium on Monday 16th June, and the wake, at the Club, are available online at peterbarron.muchloved.com, and you can donate there.

