



The Bugle

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It's the real thing

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"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues."
Abraham Lincoln

Rain drops in

Some 'real' raindrops fell last week; that's after a gap of 60 days since the Met Office weather station at Herstmonceux last measured rain. In the forecast, we have a 38% chance of rain on Tuesday, rising to 58% overnight into Thursday.



A rainbow over Rathfinny vineyards last Thursday

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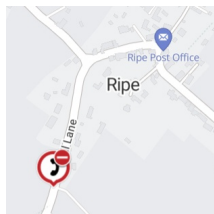
It looks like a temporary closure for Arlington Stadium; stock car racing specialists Spedeworth Motorsports based in Aldershot have reached an agreement with current owners, the Dugard family, of Hove, to take over a full lease.



Managing Directors Deane and Janet Wood say they now need estimates for the necessary safety work before they can set a re-opening date.

More fibres

Watch out for a road closure on Mill Lane, Ripe, on Thursday 27th August. It's a permit to broadband network provider Openreach, which ends at 0100 Friday.



Left: Green Party councillors and residents protesting against rat-running HGVs along Church Hill in Ringmer last week.

Around our pubs

Tickets for The Roebuck Inn's wine and cheese evening are £25 each, and include a sharing plate of charcuterie for four. It's on Thursday 27th August, and booking is essential.



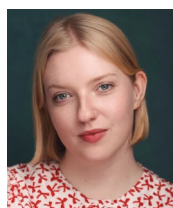
Trevor and Mickey host the last Saturday session of the season at The Yew Tree, Chalvington, from 4.30pm on the 29th.

Talking about Laughton

Around 20 residents joined Lewes MP James MacCleary in The Roebuck Inn last Wednesday evening, as part of his summer tour round local villages. He agreed to raise the issue of the proposed Oakleigh Garden Community development with Wealden MP Nus Ghani. Plans for the new town, of 4,441 houses, centred on Halland, cross constituency boundaries; it's been submitted to Wealden for potential inclusion in their next Local Plan.



Other topics covered included the idea of a bike route to Ringmer, and the possibility of a 20 mph limit along the built-up part of Church Lane.



Seriously ?

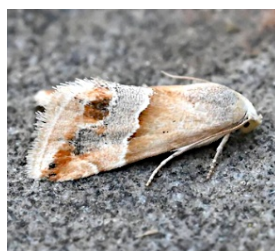
Art historian and comedian Verity Babbs and special guests present "Art Laughs" in the Lee Miller Gallery at Farleys House, Chiddingfold, on Friday 28th August at 7pm, as part of their Surrealist Weekend.

Michelham Priory hosts the East Sussex Living History Festival from 29th August to 31st August. You'll be entertained by Devilstick Peat, the Gallyard Tudor Dancers, Anderida Border Morris and Mythago Morris.



Lepidopterology

It may not be everyone's idea of a holiday, but when Professor Matthew Gandy visited Ripe for a two-day break earlier this month, he identified 77 varieties of moth.



Matthew is Professor of Cultural and Historical Geography at Cambridge University, but also the author of "Moth". He was staying with the Clarkes in Pepperham. Left: a Small Marbled Eublemma Parva. Below, a full list of Matthew's 77.

Common Grass-moth
Chequered Grass-moth
Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner
Common Purple & Gold
Straw-barred Pearl
Rush Veneer
Water Veneer
Common Masoner
Apple Leaf-miner
Thistle Ermine
Brown China-mark
Small China-mark
Olive-tree Pearl
Elder Pearl
Tawny-fronted Straw
Saltmarsh Knot-horn
Beautiful Knot-horn
Garden Memphis
White Crescent
Hawthorn Piercer

Clouded Border
Brimstone
Chinese Character
Common Wainscot
Swallow Prominent
Lime-speck Pug
Dingy Footman
Small Mottled Willow
White-point
Portland Ribbon Wave
Turnip
Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow
Underwing
Large Yellow Underwing
Silver Y
Rosy Rustic
Heart and Dart
Dusky Thorn
Straw Underwing
Spectacle

Flame Shoulder
Single-dotted Wave
Sedulous Hebrew Character
Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing
Small Clouded Brindle
Shining Marbled
Small Marbled
Straw Dot
Tawny-barred Angle
Common Carpet
Pebble Prominent
Scalloped Oak
Iron Prominent
Sallow Kitten
Common White Wave
Scorched Wing
Vestral
Poplar Hawk-moth
Buff Ermine

Grey/Dark Dagger
Willow Beauty
Maiden's Blush
Dewick's Plusia
Burnished Brass
Square-spot Rustic
Common Swift
Oak Hook-tip
Snout
Rosy Footman
Small Rufous
Little Thorn
Triple-spotted Nest Moth
Bramble Shoot Moth
Blackthorn Blister Moth
Comfrey Ermine
Common Marble
Thistle Marble
Coddling Moth



A team from The Lewes Arms visited The Trevor Arms in Glynde for a rare away fixture of dwyle-flunking. This ancient (or made up ?) pub game involves the throwing of beer-soaked rags, and requires "a dull-witted person" as referee. Drinking penalties are levied on those not taking it seriously enough.