



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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Come on baby, light my fire

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"When one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes..."

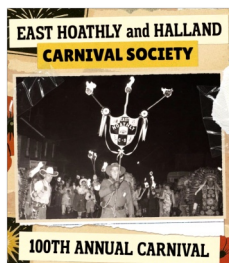
Dylan Thomas

Lewes' big night out

Lewes gets lit up on Wednesday, with the grand procession lead by six bonfire societies, around 30 visiting societies and various marching bands, all starting at 8pm. Then they disperse to six bonfire sites, with firework displays starting from 9.30pm.

Trains will not stop at Lewes, Falmer, Cooksbridge, Glynde and Southease from 5pm on 5th November until the start of service on 6th November. Roads into the town will be restricted from 4pm, and pedestrian access closed once police believe the parade route is full.

There's plenty more firework fun to come after 5th November. East Hoathly's 100th Carnival is on Saturday 8th November, with local road closures from 5pm to 11pm. The fireworks are at 9pm; admission £6 per person, except babes in arms.



Chiddingly Parish Bonfire Society is celebrating its fifth anniversary on Saturday 22nd November, with the parade starting at 7pm from the Six Bells.

Entrance to the fireworks field at Peke's Manor costs £7, children half-price, with the display at 9pm. Tickets from the Bells.

There's a clutch of fundraising quiz nights on the way in the run-up to Christmas.

There are two on Saturday 15th November: Friends of Laughton School promise 'No General Knowledge Required' for their event in the school hall, from 7pm. Tickets from Laughton Village Shop.

Meanwhile fund-raising for the traditional Christmas Tree in Ripe starts with a quiz at The Yew Tree in Chalvington on the same night. £10 ticket includes meat or veg lasagne; book in via the pub or Ripe Village Stores. 7pm is a good time to arrive.

Then on Friday 21st November comes Laughton Cricket Club Quiz Night, with doors open at 7.00pm, and bar open all evening, at Laughton Village Hall.



Remembrance Sunday

Repairs inside the roof of Ripe church are progressing well, with a target to be 'done by Christmas'. The traditional Remembrance Day parade and service, on Sunday 9th November, will still start in Ripe churchyard, but will continue in the Village Hall.



Poppies are on sale at Ripe Village Stores, Laughton Village Shop, The Yew Tree and the Inn on the Park, Deanland

The usual timetable is being followed; please be in place by the Memorial by 1045. The parade, with Standard, will arrive by 1050 - all who have been either in the services or the associated civil organisations (National Service/Ambulance/Cadets) are welcome to join the parade. Please email Nick Clutton for details: the_cluttons@btinternet.com.

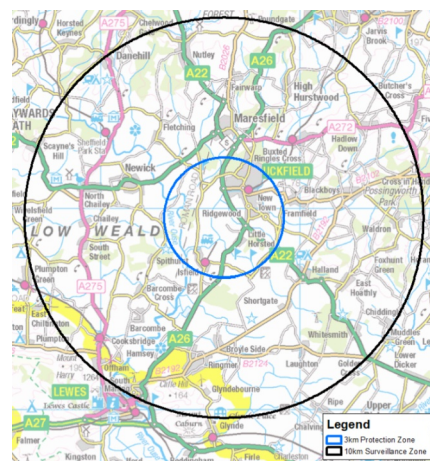
The names of the fallen will be read out, followed by a bugler sounding the Last Post. There will be refreshments in the Village Hall after the service.



The Remembrance service at All Saints', Laughton will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 9th November, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.

Bird flu

An outbreak of bird flu at a poultry farm just west of Uckfield has put most of Laughton inside a 10km surveillance zone. There's little risk to the general public, but poultry farmers inside the zone have to keep records of visitors and movements of birds.



Little Shop of Horrors



Pigeon juice and fresh crow's brains were on the menu at Ripe Village Stores on Hallowe-en, with the Scare Fryer being put to good use. Apple bobbing outside, donuts on a string inside.



Here we go round....

Grand to see at least one of the saplings planted in the community field at Ripe already bearing fruit, spotted by Jo Cripps. The mulberry is a more mature specimen, nearest to the gate on Church Lane.