



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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Beware of expensive imitations

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"The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised."

Geroge F Will

Down but not out



Arlington Reservoir stands at 49.7% full - not much below the 53% level recorded last October. South Eastern Water say they now expect to begin topping up, which will continue until April.

Storm drain work

Southern Water says it's planning extra measures to reduce sewage overflows in Hellingly. Project manager Sam Jackson says "Surface water, during and after rainfall, hits our roads and roofs and then goes into our sewers and heads to our treatment works.



Hellingly in October 2024

"When levels are high in places like Hellingly, it increases the risk of sewers backing up and flooding gardens and homes"

New surveys are underway at the 70 most vulnerable properties in the village to see if nearby surface water drains can be disconnected from sewers.



Brian at work on Hastings promenade, installing a new set of steps

Retired master carpenter Brian Parks has died aged 80. He worked much of his life at the workshop and joinery in Church Lane, Laughton, formerly the site of a WW2 searchlight and anti-aircraft battery, where he first started work with his father Fred. After the storm of 1987, Brian rebuilt the damaged bus shelter on Laughton village green without payment.

Arlington Village Market and Pop-up Museum is back on Tuesday 14th October from 10am to 12 noon at Arlington village hall. This month, the Museum features exhibits to do with the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path.



Glyndebourne are looking for boys aged 9-13 years with treble voices for a workshop on Britten's opera Billy Budd on Saturday 22nd November; there will be formal auditions in January. Apply via: www.glyndebourne.com/take-part/free-youth-opera-workshops/

Councillor's cash pot



Wealden District Council has allocated each councillor £10,000 to fund community projects in their wards - and our local member, Alison Wilson (right) is inviting people to contact her with ideas.

Each councillor can decide what to support, in line with the Council's strategy on the environment/climate change, community reliance and well-being, and the local economy. Alison Wilson represents the Arlington Ward (Arlington, Upper Dicker, Berwick, Alciston, Selmeston, Deanland, Ripe, Chalvington and Laughton), and can grant sums between £250 and £5,000; send your ideas to cllr.alison.wilson@wealden.gov.uk.

Diary dates

East Sussex Fire Service are offering free electric blanket testing on Wednesday 12th November at Deanland Wood Park. They'll be on site from 10am to 12pm. Last year over 30% of blankets tested across the county failed the safety checks.

Friends of Laughton School are holding their second "Not-A-Pub Quiz", in the school hall on Saturday 15th November at 7pm. Tickets are £15 per team, of up to six, and are available from Laughton Village Shop or message 07952 494948.

Our new rector, Steve Osei-Mensah, welcomed his dad Gottfried to Laughton church on Sunday. Gottfried, now 91, was executive secretary of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization from 1975-1984.



Heathfield Bonfire Society put on a fine display on Saturday (right). Next: Hastings and East Grinstead, on Saturday 18th October.



The October harvest moon (left) rising over Ripe community field. Below, Paul Gilman's pedigree Dutch Spotted ram, Skye Euro, keeping the glebe field at Ripe church neat and tidy.

