

# The Bugle

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A lot can happen in a week  
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*"Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else."*  
Ogden Nash

## Caddies coming

Wealden's waste contractor Biffa say they'll start delivering food waste caddies and bins to households from today, Monday 12th January. They're not to be used until an announcement of weekly collection dates, expected in mid-March.



The Government has made food waste collections compulsory from April. Our waste will go to Veolia's composting site in Whitesmith, to be made into a soil conditioner, which can be bought at East Sussex recycling sites.



Over 200 homes woke up to a power cut on Monday morning, with UK Power Networks investigating a fault in a high-voltage overhead power cable. Engineers got most back on by 8am.

## 'School within a school'

Bede's has announced plans to build a Lower School at its Upper Dicker site, opening in September 2027. It will be for years 7 and 8, and run alongside the existing Bede's Prep School in Eastbourne.



Treasure Island comes to Hailsham Pavilion, with 7pm shows on Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January, and three performances on both Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January.

For tickets visit [www.hailshampavilion.co.uk](http://www.hailshampavilion.co.uk).



*The flagpole at Deanland Wood Park is back and ready to fly, after volunteers organised rope replacement with the help of local tree surgeon, Dan Lilywhite.*

The Abergavenny Arms in Rodmell re-opens today, Monday 12th January, after renovations.



*Perhaps a visiting walker changed back into slippers for the journey home, leaving their boots in Laughton bus shelter. Picture: Julie Russell.*



## Pub cuts prices

While new landlords wait to hear from Wealden District Council about plans to include a farm shop, the current tenants are offering big reductions in January.

There's 50% off their weekday food menu, and 25% off all drinks while stocks last through January. Prices are unchanged for Sunday lunch.

## ...meanwhile, at the shop...

Laughton Village Shop could be changing hands soon, but the process has been delayed by the application to put a farm shop into part of The Roebuck Inn.



Allison Wright has held the lease of this community asset since 2019, having worked in the shop as a teenager. She says "I am in the process of retiring which was due to happen in February....but nothing is signed and sealed. The shop and Post Office is still going to run in the same format with my existing staff, but obviously the buyer is now undecided."

"If the new tenants take the shop on, they want to grow the business in many ways, and have been received by the shop committee in a very positive way." A Mr Kirti Karia, who has been manager at Hartfield Stores, has made a comment about the Roebuck planning application via the Wealden website.



## Thinking again

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council's January meeting decided just to note the £120k cost estimate for a 20mph limit in parts of Ripe, while taking a fresh look at options with East Sussex County Council's highway safety officer.

The offer of a search for alternative options came from Councillor Nick Bennett, deputy leader of East Sussex County Council, who sits as member for Arlington, East Hoathly and Hellingly.

- Members of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council have objected to the latest plans for building on a small plot of land in Channers Lane, Ripe.
- They decided that plans for a tourist bungalow would compromise the conservation area, infringe neighbours' privacy, risk further sewage spills, increase parking demands and add to a growing number of unwanted 'party lets' in the village.

*Langtye Lane in Ripe was closed on Wednesday morning, for recovery of a car which had gone for a slither in freezing temperatures.*



Next services, both on Sunday 18th January:  
8.30 am at Chalvington, Holy Communion, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.  
10.30 am at Laughton, Morning Prayer and Baptism of Abigail Phelps, again led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.