

The Bugle

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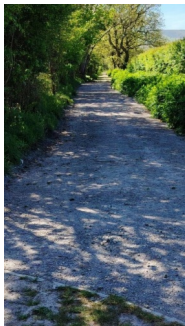
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"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

Marcel Proust

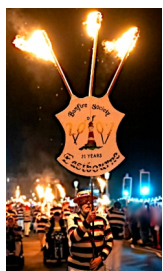
'No' to surfaced path

Wealden has refused planning approval for changes already made to a path in Ripe running some 250 metres south of Church Lane. The applicants, a couple from Seaford, have resurfaced part of the green lane, "to improve access". They have a large RV, which currently can't get through to their field. The council says "the resulting erosion of the informal rural character of this historic route would fail to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Ripe Conservation Area", echoing the views of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council.



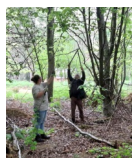
Still down

Arlington Reservoir is 55.7% full, according to South East Water's latest figures. Ardingly is lower, at 34.8%.



Eastbourne Bonfire Society marks its 25th Anniversary on Saturday 3rd of October, with an extended torch-lit parade around town as well as the seafront. The first procession kicks off from the Crown and Anchor at 7:15pm; the second heads into town from around 8:30pm. The parade finishes near the Wish Tower Slopes.

Ringmer Hub opens up on Saturday 3rd October in the Village Hall, between 10am and 1pm. It's a chance to find out about 25 different groups and societies operating in and around Ringmer. Free entrance, refreshments on sale.



Laughton Greenwood holds its regular monthly Volunteer Day on Sunday 4th October, from 10am to 1pm. Dress sensibly, bring a drink or a snack, or lunch; meet in the car park and enter through Keeper's Gate.

Booking for the Lilley Lovett Theatre's production of *Matilda Jr* opens at 10am today, Monday 28th September. Shows are at the Miles Studio Theatre, at Bede's in Upper Dicker, on Thursday 29th October at 6pm, and Friday 30th October, 3pm & 6pm. We're promised an entertaining show for grown-ups and children alike. Book at ticketsource.co.uk/lilley-lovett.



A little bit of Bavaria comes to Chalvington on Saturday 3rd October from midday to 11pm. The Yew Tree's version of Oktoberfest features music from Supersaurus (2pm to 5pm) and Riff & Western (7pm to 9pm, plus German beers, bratwurst and pretzels.



The parish Harvest Festival Lunch follows the 11:00am family service at Ripe on Sunday 4th October. It's free, though donations will help with the hall hire and St Wilfrid's Hospice.

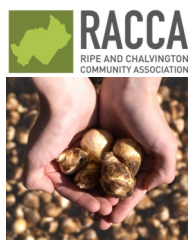
The car park in the Nursery field will be open. Please email Joan Royle at hester.joan@btinternet.com, if you'd like to come for the meal, which starts at 12:30pm (there's no obligation to come to the service).



Pawsitively splendid

RACCA'S Fun Dog Show, on Saturday afternoon was both funny and sunny, and enjoyed by all. Thanks are due to head judge, Beverley Eatten (bottom left), of Little Paws of Sussex, dog-walkers and sitters, who managed to put all dogs and their owners at ease. The prizes were donated by Nutramare Dogfood, and the music came from Hastings trio, The Other Band.

Photos courtesy Lucy Thomas, The Bugle and some proud owners.



As many hands as possible are needed on Saturday 3rd October from 9am-11am, to help plant over 1400 narcissus, snow drops, bluebells, crocus bulbs and wild flower plugs on the community field near Ripe Church. Please bring tools if you have them. Your reward - refreshments, and a blooming spring to come.

Cloud cover thwarted The Bugle's hunt for a picture of the rising Harvest Moon on Saturday night, but thankfully Helen Hunter of Ripe was looking the other way and captured this dramatic sunset.

