



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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The quality compact

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"Do not be fooled into believing that because a man is rich he is necessarily smart. There is ample proof to the contrary."

Julius Rosenwald

More poultry restrictions

The Government has ordered people with large flocks of birds across England to keep them 'housed' inside, in an attempt to control the latest outbreak of bird flu.

If you have more than 50 birds of any species, or keep poultry and produce eggs for sale, they have to be restricted. If you keep fewer than 50 poultry birds, and they're for your own use, the restrictions don't apply.

Car fire

The A27 near Drusillas Roundabout was closed for two hours on Sunday morning, after a collision between two cars; one caught fire.

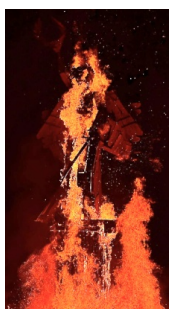


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Just some of the rubbish tossed out by drivers along the B2124 through Laughton, from Broyle Place to the village centre, picked up by public-spirited Julie Russell and Rosemary Cook. They plan more litter-picking next week.

Here's a lucky young Long-eared Owl being looked after by the East Sussex Wildlife Ambulance and Rescue Service. It was found stunned after hitting a window in Ripe village, and is now back safely in the wild. The Long-eared owl is not often seen round here; when full grown it's smaller than a woodpigeon, with head feathers (known as ear tufts) which it raises when alarmed. If you need WRAS help, their number is 0300 10 26 999



The centenary celebrations of the East Hoathly and Halland Bonfire Society on Saturday featured yet another sculpture made by local artist Keith Pettit - always a shame to burn them !



Remembering

Remembrance Sunday was observed in autumn sunshine at Ripe, with the traditional parade, wreath-laying, muffled bell, and Last Post.

The service continued in the Village Hall; Revd Steve Osei-Mensah told the congregation he'd been inside the church, with hard hat, to see the repairs, and was confident it would re-open in time for Christmas.

The phantom knitters of Deanland Wood Park also marked the occasion, with their now-traditional postbox topper.



Deanland Community Church's next service is on Thursday 13th November, at 10.30am in the Social Centre. There'll be songs from Chris Joyes from Christchurch, Hailsham, and Holy Communion.

Sunday 16th November brings a service of Holy Communion at All Saints', Laughton, which will be led by Revd Lucy Hollingsworth.



Pick up Christmas gifts at Iford Hall's Festive Fair and Bloomin' Brocante on Saturday 15th November, 10am to 4pm.

Lion's Mane

A sighting of a rare and protected mushroom near Ripe. The Lion's Mane (aka Pom Pom or Bearded Hedgehog) usually grows on old rotten or dying hardwood, especially beech, oak and chestnut. It used to be a gourmet favourite, but picking is banned under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

