



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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Ghouls just wanna have fun

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*"By the pricking of my thumbs,
something wicked this way comes."* Second Witch, Macbeth,
William Shakespeare

Eat, drink and be scary

The team at Ripe Village Stores are planning a scary Hallowe'en on Friday 31st October. We're told Kooky Kath, Evil Emma, Curdling Claire, Demon Donna & Jeepers Creepers Jo will be on hand, hosting fun, frights and complimentary hot-dogs for kids between 4pm and 6.30pm - plus deciding on prizes for the scariest costumes.



Trick or treating will follow; please leave a pumpkin out if you're happy to use sweets to send little monsters away.

Then, from 7.00pm to 11.00pm, there will be fun and games for grown-up children of the village. Fancy dress encouraged.



Michelham Priory is promising Hallowe'en fun from Tuesday 28th October to Sunday 2nd November. There's a pumpkin trail in the grounds and a spider treasure hunt in the house. On October 31st itself, children can get creative making snakes and ghost mobiles, crafting pom-

pom spiders and pumpkin faces, and design their own magic potions or write spooky spells with quill pens.

"Shriek Week" at Drusilla's Park and Zoo features super spider experts on hand on 29th, 30th and 31st October.



There are still tickets left for the Not-a-Pub Quiz, fundraising for Laughton School, in the school hall at 7pm on Saturday 15th November. We're told no general knowledge is needed. £15 for a team of up to six, drinks and bar snacks available. Book at Laughton Village Shop or message 07952 494948



Buying and selling

Documents from the online auctioneers trying to sell two quarter-acre parcels of land at Follingers Field in Church Lane, Ripe have revealed the current owner.

Mehrzaad "Zad" Siadatan, from Portslade, is the sole director of Land Lot Ltd, who bought all of Follinger's Field in September for £205,000. He

is also Chief Executive of the Connect UK Group, online property auctioneers, now trying to resell the field in parcels. Zad is also the author of "The Secret To Timeless Wealth" and "Boost Your Financial Wealth In Secret".

The two plots are due to be auctioned on Wednesday 19th November with a guide price of £25,000 each; the sellers are offering 'viewings' on Friday 21st October.



Those who scan estate agents' websites note that The Yew Tree in Chalvington, first brought to market in August 2024, is now 'Under Offer'. Insiders expect the business will continue unchanged under new owners.



Festive thinking; serious faces planning serious Christmas fun, at Wednesday's meeting in Ripe Village Hall.

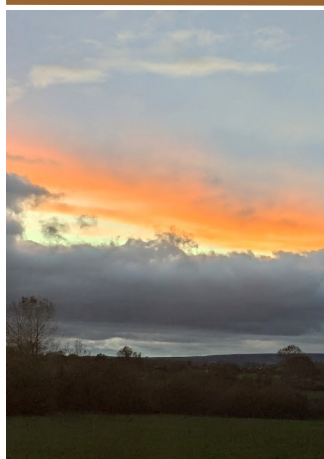
Christmas countdown begins

The Christmas timetable for Ripe and Chalvington was shaped by a meeting of volunteers last week. The fund raising quiz, which supports the tree and presents for village children, will be on Saturday 15th November at The Yew Tree in Chalvington. Book your place at Ripe Village Stores. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 6.30pm on Thursday 11th December, alongside the Pop-Up Pub in the shop; it's hoped people will come ready to sing a few Christmas carols.

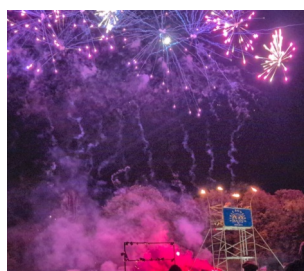
The traditional present-giving service will be in Ripe Church at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve; a special visitor is expected outside Ripe Village Stores soon after 6.30pm.



Upcoming services: Sunday 2nd November - 8.30am at All Saints', Laughton, Holy Communion, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah; 10.30am at All Saints', Laughton, Patronal Family Service, led by Rev Steve Osei-Mensah.



Left: The setting sun over Mount Caburn lighting up the odd layers of cloud that have been a feature of our recent changing weather.



Scenes from Bonfire night in Firle on Saturday night, with most of the society in their Valencian costumes.

