



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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"Setting a good example for children takes all the fun out of middle age."

William Feather

Laughton v Ripe ladies

In the big stoolball end-of-season derby, Laughton (below) beat Ripe 103 to 87 - a close-fought match, and a grand effort from Ripe, considering they're in their first full season after an extended break, with many players completely new to the game.



Sunday 24th August is St Bartholomew's Day, or Bartlemas, or Bartlemytide. There'll be a patronal service in Chalvington at 10.30am, led by Revd Simon Foster. St Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners, plasterers, cheese merchants, and those with nervous tics.

The Living History weekend is back at Michelham Priory, August 23rd to 25th, 10am to 5pm. It's a chance to experience re-enactments from the 10th to the 16th centuries, with Tudor dancing, axe-throwing, Saxon ring-making, and the comedy of jester Devilstick Peat.



The Roebuck Inn, Laughton, hosts a "Family Fun Day" on Saturday 23rd August. There'll be live DJs, games, face-painting and a bouncy castle, as well as cocktails and barbecue. Free entry.



The Inner Soul Collective, with new lead singer Kristina Bradford, provide the music at The Yew Tree Inn, Chalvington, from 4.30pm on Saturday 23rd August.



Bigger Broyle?

Public consultation has just closed on an outline planning application for up to 180 houses on land along the north side of the A2192 out of Ringmer, around Turnpike Farm, The Broyle. A decision on the scheme by Lewes District Council is due by the end of September.



It follows schemes for 265 houses in three nearby sites.



WW2 anniversary

Friday saw the 80th anniversary of VJ day, marking the surrender of Imperial Japan and the end of World War II in the Far East.

Official flags were flown over Ripe Church and Deanland Wood Park, thanks to the generosity of Nicholas Hamblin and Geoffrey Stoner.

Re-Souled

Forget Oasis. The biggest comeback of 2025 is the South Coast Soul Revue, led by Ripe's Barclay Thompson. Their 'farewell' gig was on New Year's Eve; now they're back, at Brighton Open Air Theatre on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August....



Left: a large Poplar Hawkmoth. Despite the rather scary appearance, it will not damage your plants, or clothes; this adult moth doesn't eat. But the caterpillar enjoys poplars and willows, as well as alder, apple, birch, elm, oak and ash.

An early-rising reader captured this view just before dawn last week, looking east over the Glebe field in Ripe.

