



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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Tiny, but never lightweight

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"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it."

Harry S Truman

Bishop visit

The Bishop of Chichester, the Right Revd Dr Martin Warner, will be leading Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Ripe, on Sunday 18th May at 10.30am.



There's still no official news of a new vicar for the Parish, but the church newsletter talks of preparing 'the manse at Laughton' so that it will be a 'welcoming home' for a couple.

Good arrows



Deanland's dart players are planning a 24 hour dart-a-thon on 24th and 25th July, raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK and Breast Cancer Now. You can support them by visiting their justgiving page.

www.justgiving.com/team/deanlanddartsfundraiser



Early warning

Network Rail will close the level crossing south of Ripe from 10pm on Monday 19th May to 5am on Friday 23rd May.



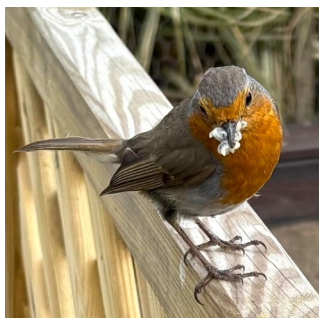
Carvery

Stephen Spooner has taken over Unit 14, Deanland Business Park, for his joinery and woodcarving operation. Stephen was apprenticed in West Sussex, and worked on the restoration of Arundel Castle, before starting on his own in 1998 in Twineham.



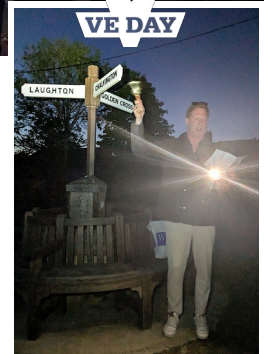
Left, a recent repair job by Stephen at the Grade 1-listed St George's Church in Brede.

The next generation of robins in Ripe; left a rather grumpy-looking chubby chick, taking a break from early flight. Right, a parental delivery of food en route to those still in the nest.



80 years on....

Candles of peace marked the end of the VE commemoration outside Ripe Village Stores on Thursday, with Bill Shiell acting as Town Crier for the proclamation, followed by lusty singing of "I vow to three, my country", "Jerusalem" and "White Cliffs of Dover".



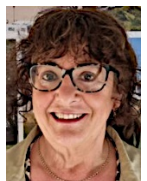
Earlier the bells of Ripe Church rang out, with a special VE flag atop the church tower; a small army of shop volunteers delivered sausage and mash to customers. Below left, Jules Crocker helping with bunting.



Year in review: parish meeting

Tonight, Monday 12th May, sees the Annual Parish Meeting for Chalvington & Ripe, starting at 7pm in the Village Hall.

There'll be reports from the Litterwatch Group, the Village Hall Committee and RACCA, and a chance to meet the new Parish Clerk, Stephanie Dubas (right), who sits as a Libdem for Seaford Bay Ward on Seaford Town Council.



Live music is back for summer at the Yew Tree in Chalvington from Saturday 24th May, kicked off by The Big Kahuna.



Best seats in the house

Here's a chance to go to Glyndebourne in some style: four seats in the Chairman's private box for The Marriage of Figaro on Thursday 17th July, with a backstage visit after the performance.



The tickets, donated by the Christie family, are up for grabs in a silent auction to raise funds for the repairs to Ripe Church roof. Sealed bids can be emailed to margauxallfrey@me.com or handed in at Ripe Village Stores by 5pm on Wednesday 28th May - the lucky winner will be announced at the VE film night in Ripe Village on that evening.