



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give"

Winston Churchill



Church roof: Target met

The appeal for funds to repair the roof of Ripe Church, formally launched in January, has now reached over £53,000 and that means contractors can start work, with the ambition of completion before Christmas.

The parochial church council has thanked all who donated and supported the various fundraising events; fundraising lead Margaux Allfrey (right) said they were "deeply appreciative of the overwhelming goodwill amongst villagers towards our beautiful medieval church".



Next services: Sunday 13th July - Holy Communion, 10.30 am at All Saints', Laughton, led by Revd Lucy Hollingsworth. Thursday's planned service at Deanland Wood Park has been cancelled.



Yew party

There's live music from top Eastbourne party band Bedraggled at The Yew Tree in Chalvington on Saturday 12th July from 4.30pm.



Chart toppers

DJs Nick Carling and Danny Webb bring their Fruitful Sound System to The Roebuck Inn, Laughton on Saturday 19th July, for a 'Love Action' 80's Night, promising smash hits, chart toppers and guilty pleasures - free entry.



Not just flowers

A reminder that there's a huge range of categories to enter in the Ripe and Chalvington Summer Flower Show, coming up on Saturday 19th July at The Yew Tree in Chalvington. From the longest marrow to cheese straws, from photography to Bakewell traybakes,

from duck eggs to handicraft, from pickling shallots to flapjacks, there's an opportunity to show your best. 10p per entry (entries in excess of twenty - free) with forms to Ripe Villages Stores by noon on Wednesday 16th July.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with stalls and more, please email beverleylawrence@btinternet.com



'Invest in music for kids'

An expert panel called for a big shift in funding towards early years music education, in conversation in Laughton as part of the Villages Music Festival. After alarms about a tidal wave of artificially-generated music coming our way, the audience heard live classics from Will Hancox and a top quartet of singers.

Thursday brought jazz and The Andy Williams Trio to picnickers at Limekiln Farm; Friday featured a thrilling Pictures at an Exhibition from pianist Joanna MacGregor (right, with Festival director Joan Royle) at Wick Street Farm; and the grand finale concluded with an exultant Handel's Dixit Dominus from a top-form Laughton Village Choir and the Modulus Quartet, directed by Linda Glenn. Thanks to all musicians, donors, volunteers and, of course, audiences!



Night birds

Left, volunteers at Laughton Greenwood out for their annual night bird survey. They saw common pipistrelle bats; greater noctule bats - the biggest in the UK; and heard tawny owls and hobbies (a kestrel-like falcon). Sadly, unlike last year, no sign or sound from nightjars.

