



The Bugle

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There are some things money can't buy

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"It was one of those days you sometimes get latish in the autumn when the sun beams, the birds toot, and there is a bracing tang in the air that sends the blood beetling briskly through the veins."

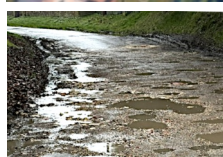
P G Wodehouse: Jeeves and The Old School Chum

Finally ?

Residents of Church Farm Lane, Chalvington - perhaps the most potholed 200 yards of road in the parish - are preparing for 'carriageway repairs' on Thursday and Friday 22nd and 23rd October.



Contractors Balfour Beatty say there's no access for vehicles between 8am and 5pm; access on foot will need support from 'on-site operatives'.



Pointing things out

The issue of confusing diversions around Ripe (last week's Bugle) has been been raised with

East Sussex Highways by Parish Clerk Stephanie Dubas. Their response: "These works were undertaken by South East Water rather than East Sussex Highways."

"Our Network Management Team will be contacting South East Water to remind them of the importance of regularly checking their sites and associated signage to ensure they remain accurate, fit for purpose, and provide the correct information to road users."

Tonight's agenda

Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council meets tonight, Monday 12th October, in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm. On the agenda: the new Wealden draft Local Plan; possible sites for 'Please Drive Carefully' signs in Ripe; and a proposal to transfer the freehold of the village hall, currently held in trust by the Parish Council, to the Management Committee of the village hall.

The Harvest Festival service at Deanland Wood Park produced a substantial delivery of supplies for the Lewes Food Bank, as well as a cheque for £210. Deanland pastor Graham Horsnell passes his thanks on to all at the Park.

Next service: Sunday 18th October at 10:30am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Ripe, with Rev Frank Fox-Wilson.



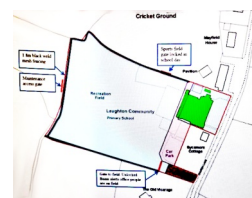
Arciston & Selmeston hold their Autumn Quiz in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th October, bar open 6.30pm, quiz from 7.30pm. £16 per person, to include fish / veggie and chips supper. Booking essential - contact Mairi 07582 938185 or Helen 07969 732109



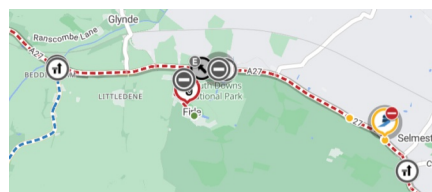
The Arlington 'Pop-up' Museum is back on Tuesday 13th October, from 10am to 12pm, as part of the regular Arlington Village Market in the Village Hall. The curators' topic this month: "Arlington Stadium Revisited".

Pelham Field discussion continues

The question of safeguarding pupils at Laughton Community School is the subject of a meeting this Wednesday 14th October in the Community Sports Hall, at 7pm.



It's an informal meeting, hosted jointly by the school and the Parish Council, to answer questions about the proposal, requested by the school, to fence the Pelham Field. There has been a written consultation exercise, but no decision has yet been taken by the PC.



Watch out for closures, full and partial, along the A27 overnight for the next two weeks, for hedge cutting and tree work.

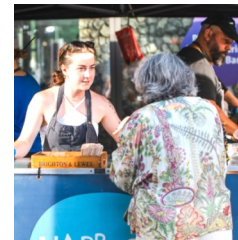


Nick Clutton

Nick Clutton of Mount Pleasant Farm, Chalvington, has died aged 77. His funeral will be on Friday 30th October at Ripe Church. Nick took geology at Birmingham before training as an RAF pilot at Cranwell. From 1975, he flew Vulcans with 35 Squadron. Then followed a lengthy civil aviation career, piloting Boeing 767, 757 and 737 aircraft across Europe, Asia and Africa. He later turned to training, risk and safety management. He was passionate about sailing, canoeing and riding.



The farm shop at The Roebuck will be offering breakfasts, up to 'full English' from today, and lunches on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tonight, Monday 12th October it's the regular Quiz Night, from 7pm. £10 per person, includes food for the table. And tomorrow, Tuesday, Greek street food will be available, from Happy Go Souvlaki (right)



Save the date

LVC's next concert performance features Mozart's Missa Solemnis, written at the age of 24 for Salzburg, and Mozart's last completed mass, before he headed to the freedoms of Vienna. It's in Holy Cross Church, Uckfield, at 4pm on Saturday 21st November, and you can buy tickets online at lvchoir.org.uk/product/mozart-missa-solemnis/

Ripe Nursery are looking for a qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator to join the team running their baby room, The Nest in Laughton, for an All Year Round position. Experience working with under twos is essential. For more information or to apply please email charlotte@ripenurseryschool.co.uk

Meanwhile some of the Owlets at the Nursery in Ripe have been getting early real world experience, on a shopping trip to Ripe Village Stores....

