

The Bugle

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Don't leave home without it
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"Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation"

Kin Hubbard

Tue 18th



24°
15°

Light cloud and a moderate breeze

Real rain ?

The BBC forecast gives us a 48% chance of rain on Tuesday, 54% on Thursday, and 52% on Friday.

This week fire crews were called to field fires in Norlington Lane, Ringmer and Bradfords Lane, Litte Horsted. Friday brought a Government phone alert advising against the use of disposable barbecues, firepits, garden incinerators or fireworks.



Sign in Laughton Woods

Arlington Reservoir is 67.2% full; in the heatwaves of July 2022 it was down to 63.9%.



Sun shaded

The colanders can go back to straining vegetables, at least until the next partial solar eclipse, coming up on 2nd August 2027. In Ripe, it was safety first, looking at reflections and dots. Other snappers had a go, as it all went a little dim and the birds went quiet.

Kath Sibia had no need for colanders; the leafy trees to the west of Ripe Village Stores provided a natural filter, casting crescent shapes (left) on the cottage next door to the shop.



Starstruck

Actor, comedian and DJ Craig Charles, of Red Dwarf and BBC6Music, popped in to the 'Pop Up Pub' in Ripe last Thursday; he'd flown into Deanland from Manchester ahead of a session at the wheels of steel in East Sussex. Superfan Charlie Hallworth was serving, and Nic Jackson was among those who also, politely, asked for a record of the event.



Quick work

East Sussex Highways contractors paid a flying visit to Ripe Lane this week, filling some potholes at speed. One day, perhaps, a whole stretch of road will be resurfaced...

On the ropes

The bells of St John's, Ripe got a 2 hour 43 minute workout on Saturday, when Richard and Penny Neal returned with three fellow bellringers for a "Full Peal". The marathon was to mark their 40th wedding anniversary, in the church where they were married. In technical terms, they rang 5040 Doubles; any mistake would have invalidated the attempt.



Saturday afternoon music continues at the Yew Tree in Chalvington with the return of party boys Fat Belly Jones (left) on the 22nd, starting at 4:30pm.

Looking ahead, The Roebuck Inn in Laughton is taking bookings for a wine and cheese evening on Thursday 27th August, with Sussex cheeses from Alsop and Walker in Five Ashes.

MP's summer tour continues

Residents get another chance to question Lewes MP James MacCleary on Wednesday 19th August. He'll be at The Roebuck Inn, Laughton, from 6pm, for around an hour.



A commemorative flag on Ripe Church to mark VJ Day. The Second World War in the Pacific continued until Japanese surrender on 15th August 1945, with Prime Minister Clement Attlee calling two days of national holiday.

Next service is the Chalvington Patronal Festival, on Sunday 23rd August, with Holy Communion at 10:30am, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.



Contestants (left) for the Beachy Head Penny Farthing Time Trial, warming up through Ripe, snapped by Helen Hunter. The winner was Alexandre Voisine, from Lille, beating his own record, set last year.

