



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

# The Bugle

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*"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana."*

Groucho Marx



## Climate action

Wealden District Council has voted to adopt a new Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Councillor Paul Coleshill, Alliance for Wealden LibDem and lead councillor for Climate Change said "We are going to be putting solar panels on swimming pools, car parks and wherever we can on council homes. We are funding Sussex Wildlife Trust to help every river in Wealden. We are working with local groups on renewable energy, waste reduction and recycling. Our district plan will protect ancient woodlands and require builders to produce low carbon impact homes."

"Last year we were placed middle rank in local councils responding to climate change – 55th. This year we moved to fourth among district councils"



Wealden is planning a new waste depot for Biffa, complete with solar farm, at Knights Farm West, north of Hailsham. They say the current depot, at Amberstone is at full capacity.

## Night work on the A27 Southerham/Falmer

A warning of overnight road closures on the A27 near Falmer coming up, for resurfacing. The eastbound carriageway from Southerham to Amex Stadium closes 8pm to 6pm, Monday 4th August to Friday 15th August. The westbound carriageway from Amex Stadium to Southerham closes 8pm Monday 18th August to Thursday 4th September. Weekends should be open, as will 22nd and 25th August.



Laughton Cricket Club are hosting a fund-raising friendly - Villagers v Watson's Cricket Club - on Wednesday 6th August at 6pm, with kit provided. Message Joe on 07956 258018.



The Roebuck Inn brings back its Rodeo Show on Saturday 2nd August, complete with mechanical bull to master, bouncy castle, face-painting and live music from The Jaybirds. There'll be prizes for the best-dressed family, couple and child. It all starts at midday.

The Criminal Records perform favourite covers at The Yew Tree in Chalvington from 4.30pm on Saturday 2nd August.



## Artists join 'parish collective'

More names have been added to the local artists in the 'Parish Collective' in September's Artwave exhibition.

The show, which will now be held in All Saints', Laughton, will feature works by Nicholas Barrow, Roderick Booth Jones, Nicola King, Suzanne Lemieux, Sue MacKenzie, Rosemary Newton, Suzie Perreau, Julian Warrender and Ben Wolstenhome.



The exhibition will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am to 5pm, between 6th and 21st September.



Mark Stroude

## Ploughing match comes to Ringmer

The annual Laughton & District Agricultural Society Ploughing Match will be held at Norlington Farm, Ringmer, courtesy of the Stroude family, on Wednesday 17th September 2025.

Vintage, classic and modern tractors will compete, as well as the traditional heavy horses. Visitors can also enjoy trade stands, stalls, refreshments, and tractor rides, for £6 per person entry fee. For further information about the Ploughing Match please contact Shauna Fenner at laughtonploughingmatch@gmail.com.

Alongside runs the Family Section, open to all, with classes for cookery, preserves, handicrafts, flowers, fruit, vegetables and eggs, and classes for children. Please contact Sue Hemington 07811427741 hemingtons@talktalk.net for a schedule.

## Alfriston: Officially slower



Alfriston now has a 20mph speed limit through the village, in planning since early 2023. The scheme also included the installation of two new 'gateway' signs at the start of the new 20mph limit, a high-friction surface where the speed limit changes from 30mph, and a refresh of existing yellow lines and road markings.

## Ancient woodlands rule....

Plans for caravan pitches and camping pods at Wellshurst Golf Club, north of Hailsham, have again been turned down by a planning inspector. The owners had won a High Court challenge against a previous refusal, but the second inquiry agreed the proposed development was too close to ancient woodlands.



Stallholders are invited to Hailsham Street Market, currently running on a trial basis on Fridays at Blackman's Yard (behind the Town Council offices in Market Street).

Pitch hire will be free on Friday 1st August and Friday 15th August (9am to 1pm). Book via 01323 841702.



Next service: Sunday 3rd August at 10.30am - Holy Communion, at St Bartholomew's, Chalvington