



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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Anything else is old news

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"Painting: The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic."

Ambrose Bierce



Sewage worry in hosepipe ban

Ripe residents have asked the Parish Council to investigate what looks like raw sewage being allowed into a local stream, even during a hosepipe ban.

The water treatment plant is to the east of Mill Lane in Ripe, not far from the bridge over the stream, which flows into Glynde Reach. The most recent discharge, according to SewageMapUK, was for an hour and 44 minutes on 21st July. The issue will be discussed at tonight's meeting of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council, starting at 7pm in the Village Hall.

A burst water main in Park Lane, Laughton, caused reduced pressure across a wide area on Friday. Southeast Water say it was fixed by 8.15am on Saturday, but other bursts followed, at Deanland Road. Water bottles were supplied at, ironically, Arlington Reservoir car park.

A27 dangerous driving charge

A 68-year-old man from Wartling has been charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving on the A27 near Middle Farm last December. A 17-year-old motorcyclist had to have a leg amputated. The case comes to Brighton magistrates on September 18th.

Kittyhawk Aerodrome in Ripe is hosting its annual charity fly-in and barbecue on Saturday 5th September. Entry is free, as long as you register via their website klttyhawk.farm/fly-in-2025. Cars from 10.30am; food starts at 12.00pm.



Laughton Greenwood needs volunteers to help with its annual tree survey, running from 10.30am to 12.00pm on Sunday 6th September. No special knowledge required; just wear boots, and ideally, bring a tape measure, to Keeper's Gate, Park Lane.

Lost property

Two cardigans (one blue, one green and white) and a brooch are in safe keeping, having been removed from Ripe Church ahead of work to repair the roof. If you think they're yours, contact Chris Smith by email to ripewarden@lrchurches.co.uk.

† Next service: Sunday 7th September at 8.30am, morning prayer at All Saints', Laughton.

ART ~ WAVE

Art on your doorstep

Now in its 32nd year, Artwave is one of the largest visual arts festivals in the South East, with 160 venues offering free entry, mostly over weekend dates in September. The full programme is online at www.artwavefestival.org; here are some of our local offerings.



Alexander Johnson is showing new and vintage oil paintings, as well as prints and card, at The Weald, Church Lane, Laughton

'Art from the Parish' brings together the works of nine makers

and artists; weaving, ceramics, silversmithing are on show, with tea and cakes, at Laughton Church



International wildlife artist Nick Day opens his studio at 1, Railway Cottages, Ripe Lane, by the level crossing.

Annette King has an eclectic mix of landscapes, still life

and animal portraits on display at Curls Cottage, Ripe Lane



Donna Leighton calls her latest collection 'Water'; 'contemplative art in a beautiful countryside setting' at The Black Sheep, Darp Lane, Ripe.

If you prefer to take your art with stronger refreshment, there are Artwave exhibitions at The Trevor Arms, Glynde, and at the Gun Brewery & Taproom, Gun Hill.



Art in nature: a red admiral demonstrating that the butterfly bush - buddleia loricata - lives up to its name. In South Africa, where the bush originated, it's known as mountain sagewood.

A weekend of living in the past: scenes from the Middle Ages at Michelham Priory

