



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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Everybody's reading it!

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"Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss."

Douglas Adams

No pollution, says Southern Water



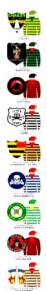
Southern Water say there was no sign of sewage escaping from their treatment works at Mill Lane, Ripe last week. "Our teams have found no operational issues with any Southern Water assets nearby. We've found this to be algae which is naturally occurring in warmer weather". Residents had asked the Parish Council to investigate.

Torches are back

The 2025 Sussex bonfire season started at Uckfield on Saturday, preceded by the young people's carnival parade through the town, bigger than ever.



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Buxted Saturday 27th September
Eastbourne Saturday 4th October
Heathfield Saturday 11th October
Hailsham, Seaford Saturday 18th October
Firle Saturday 25th October
Isfield Friday 31st October
Newhaven, Newick Saturday 1st November
Lewes Wednesday 5th November
Battle, East Hoathly Saturday 8th November
Glynde Beddingham Firle Friday 14th November
Barcombe, Chiddingly Saturday 22nd November

Harvesting for foodbank



The next Thursday Church at Deanland is at 10.30am on 11th September, and is a Harvest Special. Deanland resident Clive Tedder, part of the team at Lewes Foodbank, will talk, and it's hoped that everyone will bring along one tin of either tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, custard or baked beans, or some tea bags and biscuits, as a donation.

Volunteers Geoffrey Stoner (left) and Nicholas Hamblin have fixed the damaged flint wall between the churchyard and the nursery field in Ripe. With repair work now underway inside Ripe Church, St Bartholomew's Chalvington hosts Holy Communion on Sunday 14th September at 10.30am, led by Revd Lucy Hollingsworth.



Hundreds of aviation enthusiasts arrived by plane and car at Kittyhawk Farm's Fly-In Day on Saturday. Star of the show was a nine-ton Douglas 'Dakota' C-47 Skytrain, delivered to the RAF in June 1945. New Kittyhawk owner Dave Stewart showed off the site's refurbished facilities, and (right) posed with Kate and Phil from the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance team, the event's charity.



ART ~ WAVE



Laughton Church was transformed into an art gallery for this year's Artwave, with a private preview held in part to say thanks to many who contributed to the fund to repair Ripe Church.



Among the guests, James Braxton, of Bargain Hunt and the Antiques Road Trip, who learnt his trade working as a porter at Gorrings Auctions in Lewes.

Artwave 'open studios' continue at over 160 venues across East Sussex over weekends until September 21st, with several in our local villages. Details online at www.artwavefestival.org.

Last week's wind and rain left our nature watchers crunching over carpets of acorns. In the USA, an early acorn fall is believed to be a harbinger of a bad winter....

