



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

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"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible."

George Burns



New vicar finally announced

Stephen Osei-Mensah, 58, currently a curate in West Sevenoaks, is to be the new Rector of Laughton, Ripe & Chalvington, and is expected to move here in September.

He went to Kingswood School in Bath, then studied history at University College, before a career in financial services and consulting. He started with Barclays, and moved through CapGemini and partnerships at Ernst & Young and PwC. He's held a private pilot's licence for nearly 30 years. In 2018 he enrolled to study theology at Durham, was ordained a deacon in 2021 and priest in 2022.

Stephen met his wife Emma at UCL; she's a speech therapist, and currently enjoys working on her allotment. They have two grown-up daughters.



Ascension Day is marked on Thursday 29th May with a service at 10.30am at St Bartholomew, Chalvington, led by the Rev Simon Foster. Sunday 1st June brings Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew at 10.30am.



Peter Barron

Ripe resident Peter Barron has died, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Up until last year, he'd played on at table tennis in the Village Hall, and completed several long charity cycle rides. With a degree in French from Sheffield University, he'd worked on recruitment and education consultancy projects with the European Commission, Brighton University and Skills For Care. He volunteered and coached at Lewes Rugby



Club and Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club, and chaired the Governors at Laughton Primary School.

Peter's funeral will be at 11am on Monday 16th June, at the Wealden Crematorium, just south of Horam.

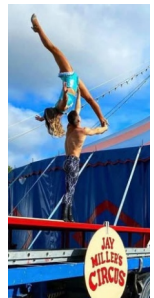


Don't forget Wednesday's VE film night at Ripe Village Hall. It features Battle of Britain pilot Jack Ramshaw (and the memories of his nephew Tony Berryman, a flight instructor at Deanland). Tickets, at just £10, include a chilli supper, and the winner of the silent auction for Glyndebourne tickets, raising funds for the church roof repairs, will be revealed.

Steaming in



The weekend-long Cuckoo Spring Fayre at Laughton Showground brought steam engines big, and slightly smaller (above). There was a return for the acrobats of Jay Miller's Circus - seen right warming up outside the Big Top.



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The new shelter on Ripe community field now has a smooth base of tamped gravel, thanks to a team of RACCA volunteers.

Coming up at Deanland Wood Park Social Centre - a Summer Arts and Craft Fayre on Sunday 8th June, running from 10am to 2pm. There'll also be a raffle and refreshments.



The Yew Tree in Chalvington hosts a quiz fundraiser for the Ripe & Chalvington Stoolball team on Friday 30th May. Next Saturday's live band is Go Commando (left), on stage from 4.30pm.

The Roebuck in Laughton plans a busy July, with a free garden screening of Bohemian Rhapsody on July 4th and a Reggae Night on July 11th.



The Horam Emporium has two metal signs for sale, from the days when The Lamb Inn in Ripe was a working Shepherd Neame pub, and it was apparently worth mentioning it had "Flushing Water Closets for your Comfort"

