



News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

# The Bugle

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*"If one sticks too rigidly to one's principles, one would hardly see anybody."*

Agatha Christie



## King's Head deal

The group of residents trying to buy the King's Head in East Hoathly say they've agreed a price of £550,000, subject to surveys and contract. It was originally put on the market at £795,000.

If everything goes to plan, the King's Head Community Benefit Society, who will own the pub, say they plan to launch a share scheme in October. They'll need to raise at least £120,000 on top of the purchase price to start operations.



## Protest walk against 'new town' plans

A new residents group, NoDOG (No Development of Oakleigh Gardens) is holding a protest walk along local footpaths,

starting from Halland Park Farm Coach House at 10.30am on Saturday 27th September.

The Oakleigh Garden scheme is a proposal for 4,441 houses across East Hoathly, Halland and Laughton. NoDOG say it would be bigger than Uckfield; bring an additional 12,000 cars into the area, with no new roads; and damage an historic environment.

Laughton Parish Council meets on Wednesday 17th September, at 7.30pm, in the Small Hall at the Village Hall.



Next service: Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sunday 21st September at Chalvington, led by Canon Peter Sills, who assists in the Parish of Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston.

## Fungi corner

*Echinoderma asperum* has a much better English name - the freckled dapperling. It likes the damp of deciduous woods, but also pops up in woodbark mulch. Not advised for eating. The technical name comes from the Greek 'echinos' meaning a hedgehog or sea-urchin and 'derma' meaning skin, referring to the spiny cap surface. Asper is Latin for rough, again in reference to the skin.



## Ploughing match in Ringmer

The 95th Laughton & District Ploughing Match is on Wednesday 17 September at Norlington Farm, Ringmer BN8 5SH.

It's open to the public from 9am to 6pm. There will be Vintage, Classic and Modern tractors and Heavy Horse Ploughing competitions, plus the Family Section, with classes in cookery, preserves, handicrafts, flowers, fruit, vegetables and eggs, and seven classes for children. Entry: £6.



## Call for pots

Please rummage through that pile of discarded pots: the team running the plant stall at Ripe and Chalvington Flower Show are looking for 1 litre and 13cm / 5 inch pots to start growing for next year. Please bring to Ripe Village Stores. And save the date for the Flower

Show Annual General Meeting: Thursday 13 November at 2pm at Rosemary Cottage, Chalvington, open to all.

The fly-in day at Kittyhawk Farm, Ripe, raised a total of £4,732 for the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance service.

Steph Jones, who used to run popular yoga sessions in Laughton, now has classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Hackhurst Farm, Lower Dicker, and a Tuesday class in Uckfield. Email [sajones61@googlemail.com](mailto:sajones61@googlemail.com) for details.

South Downs Heritage Walks: join local military historian Ian Everest from Exceat to the sea. Find out about an innovative Home Guard Officer, a wartime deception initiative, why fishing boats had to be wary of rifle fire - and a fine set of Dragon's Molars. 11am on Thursday 18th September - free, but booking essential - [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/sevensisters-country-park-military-heritage-talk-tour.html](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/sevensisters-country-park-military-heritage-talk-tour.html)



Completing the wall repair of last week, the damaged 'kissing gate' to the footpath between Ripe and Chalvington churches has been replaced, with the support of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council. It makes the path fully accessible to those with wheelchairs and prams; pleasing residents like Yvette Smith, pictured.



Serial village volunteer Maggie Teager (right) is scaling back commitments for more family time, and last week marked her last official day helping out at Ripe Village Stores, with gifts and heartfelt thanks from the boss, Kath Sibilia.