

The Bugle

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"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."
Eleanor Roosevelt



Georgie Garrod sent this shot of forked lightning, again looking east from Mill Lane, Ripe around 11pm Friday



The setting sun from Mill Lane - still 34°C at 8pm on Thursday evening - from Catharine Woodward

Flash, rumble, phew!

Our spell in the record-breaking red zone is over, for now, with spectacular lightning and long rumbling thunder heralding some welcome rain and cooler weather. A mere 22°C forecast for the week ahead, and Arlington Reservoir still 86% full.

✝ Sunday 5th July 8:30am Holy Communion at Laughton; 10:30am Morning Prayer at Chalvington. Both with Revd Steve Osei-Mensah



Cadet day

Deanland Airfield welcomed 30 cadets from the Eastbourne College Combined Cadet Force for an immersive day of

aviation history and flight training insights. Charles Price shared some of the airfield's rich heritage, from its vital role in WWII to recent history; and Ripe resident Carl Meek brought his Gazelle helicopter for inspection.



RACCA are looking for volunteers for a couple of hours maintenance work on the Ripe community field. Come along from 9am to 11am on Saturday 4th July, and bring spades, forks and watering cans.



From the archive



More from our trove of Parish Magazines from 1957. It was a busy February for the thriving Guide and Brownie pack in Ripe; a big party in Lewes was held for 'Thinking Day' and the next day, Guides put lights in windows around Ripe Village, to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lord Baden Powell. The cover of the magazine, showing two churches, was another illustration by Sybella Stiles, whose daughter Katherine Garner still lives in Ripe.



North West Hailsham ?

A proposal for 2,500 houses across the Cuckmere Valley just north of Michelham Priory has re-emerged. In 2020, a similar plan came from landowners and development partners Grosvenor.

Now the landowners' new partner is called Cochrane Strategic, and they've asked Wealden to include the site in their Local Plan, with a view to seeking full planning permission during 2027.

Meanwhile...

Online auctioneers Connect UK are marketing another four parcels of land on Follenger's Field in Church Lane, Ripe, for sale by auction on 16th July.

Enticingly named "Pine Haven", "Maple Vale", "Harvest Hill" and "Barleybrook", they are on agricultural land with no other planning permission, in the heart of the Ripe Village conservation area.



Above: Spot the whanged welly; below, the summer sounds of the Ska-Toons



Visitors stuck it through the showers, and Laughton's Fete & Flower Festival came through smiling, with cakes, music, beer and fun. In the church, exhibits from the school caught the eye, along with some grand arrangements.



21 Whiskeys return to The Yew Tree in Chalvington on Saturday 4th July. Pub open from 4pm; music starts 4:30pm.

