



The Bugle

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Have it your way

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"Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again."

Franklin P Jones

Unreliable electricity (continued...)

Experiencing issues caused by voltage changes?

Report a voltage issue

Residents complaining about electricity drop-outs are getting different explanations from UK Power Networks, but with no sign of improvement in the continuity of supply.

One engineer acknowledged 7 'network incidents' in July and August, saying protection devices automatically switch supply on and off when faults are caused by "wind-blown debris, vegetation, birds, animals, adverse weather conditions, or other temporary network disturbances." He went on "Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that you will not experience further interruptions in the future."

Lucy Thomas of Ripe secured a visit from the UK Power Networks team, by reporting a 'voltage issue'. The engineer had no knowledge of previous breaks; it may be best to report the interruptions as 'issues' rather than cuts in future, so they can better understand our problems. 0800 316 3105. Keep at it.



Very good darts

This year's 24-hour Dart-a-thon, at the Social Club in Deanland Wood Park, has produced a cheque for £1,378.98, now handed over to the East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service (WRAS).



Next service: Sunday 13th September at 10:00 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Chalvington



Some early clumps of ivy-leaved cyclamen (*Cyclamen hederifolium*) have appeared along the path to Ripe Church.

It's a hardy perennial species marked out by dainty, upswept flowers. In older times it was known as 'sowbread', because pigs like to snuffle them up. The Ancient Greeks ground up the cyclamen tubers and used them in baked cakes and wines as aphrodisiacs and love potions. Vita Sackville West described *Cyclamen Hederifolium*, as "the little frightened cyclamen, with leveret ears laid back."



Let the dogs out !

Time to prepare your best friend for the 2026 RACCA Fun Dog Show, happening on Saturday 26th September, at Ripe Community Field, from 12:30pm.



Register on the day, at £2 per class:

Dog Most Like His Or Her Owner.

Most Handsome Dog.

Prettiest Bitch.

Best Ball Catcher.

Best Trick.

Best Fancy Dress.

"Doggie bags" for all entrants, of course. There's burgers and a bar for humans, kids games and musical entertainment from The Other Band, all raising funds to keep developing the community field.

Peter Allfrey

Peter Allfrey, of Green Farm, Chalvington, has died aged 93. The Allfrey family are one of the oldest in Sussex, first recorded in 1296. As yeoman farmers, they prospered breeding sheep in West Dean and Friston. Later, there was beer, with the Griffin Brewery a major producer of porter in London. Peter worked trading commodities, particularly sugar, as a director of Woodhouse Drake & Carey. He acquired Green Farm in 1962, and bought back some of the original 26 acres.



Don't forgot Artwave's local exhibitions continue until 20th September, at Black Sheep, Darp Lane (left), The Art of Rural Life at Laughton Church (above) Nick Day at 1, Railway Cottages, Ripe Lane and Annette King at Curls Cottage in Ripe.

Laughton yoga teacher Emma Macdonald is launching a new class for women navigating the perimenopause and menopause. Running for 10 weeks, classes start 29th September, at the Lewes Subud Centre. Find out more at www.emmamacdonaldyoga.co.uk



It's Quiz Night at The Roebuck Inn, Laughton, tonight, Monday 7th September, starting at 7pm. Entry is £10 per person, to include meat or vegetarian chilli; teams of six maximum. First prize a box of Peroni and a bottle from the wine-list. Call to book: 01323 379272.

Save the Date: The spooky team at Ripe Village Hall are plotting a Grand Halloween Fancy Dress Competition and Dance, on Saturday 31st October.



Our nature snapper Claire Palmer suggests leaving dying sunflower heads on your garden for the birds to enjoy.

