

# The Bugle

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*"If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead."*  
Johnny Carson



## Held up for drainage check

Wealden planners have told Taylor Wimpey that they can only build 290 houses at Swingate Park, north of Hailsham, until they prove that they've got sufficient foul drainage capacity. The original permission, granted in 2023, was for 351 homes.



Watch out for overnight lane closures on the A22 in our area for "re-patching" work going on until 13th June.

Grade II-listed Sherrington Manor in Selmeston, with 9 bedrooms, indoor pool, gym, a 3-bed cottage, stables, estate offices and a 177-acre farm, is on the market for £6.65m.



† Sunday 14th June 10:30am Holy Communion at All Saints', Laughton

Nepalese food specialists Momo will be outside the Roebuck, Laughton on Tuesday 9th June.



Top covers from *The Criminal Records at The Yew Tree, Chalvington, 4:30pm, Saturday 13th June*

Arlington's June Market is at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th June, from 10am to noon. Fresh bread, eggs, cakes, savouries, jewellery, cards and books. Plus the Pop-up Museum looks at the history of Hailsham Pavilion.

Pete the Pond and his team joined Laughton Greenwood volunteers last week to start weed clearance in the site's ancient pond. More to do...



## School asks for fencing

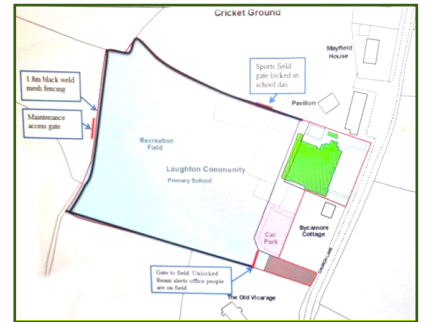
Laughton School wants to install 1.8m high green weld mesh fencing around part of the Pelham Field, to stop pupils running away during the day.

Above: stock image of weld mesh fencing  
Below: as installed at Park Mead Primary School, Lower Dicker



They say they had 25 'runners' over the last 12 months; two families withdrew their children due to safety concerns about the unfenced field, and four prospective families chose not to enrol for the same reason. The fencing proposal has been submitted to the Parish Council, inviting public comment.

It would be fully funded and installed by East Sussex Council, to include new hedging and trees. There would be no change to current public access. The plan also requires the approval of the landowner, the Earl of Chichester.



Laughton Church is once again staging a flower festival, over the weekend of Laughton Fete, happening next door on Saturday 27th June. They'd welcome all things floral, from small posies to full arrangements. Bring them to the church on the Friday or Saturday morning; collect vases on Monday 29th June.

## Stroll round the gardens

Twelve gardens across Firlle are open for viewing on Sunday 14th June, from 11am to 4pm, raising funds for St Peter's Church. A donation of £5 per adult gets you a map and entry to all twelve; look out for the red flags, and enjoy delicious lunches, teas and other refreshments along the way. Maps available in advance from Firlle Village Stores, or at any of the gardens.



## From the archive



Left: the cover of a Parish Magazine from 1957, part of a small treasure trove now in the hands of churchwarden Chris Smith. It carries an advert, for "Honey 1lb pot - 3/6d; 1/2lb carton 1/9d. G M Wauchope, Brook Cottage."

That's Gladys Mary Wauchope (1889–1966), only the second female student at the London Hospital Medical College after Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, enrolling during the period 1918 to 1928 when women were allowed, to fill gaps caused by the First World War. She settled in Hove as a GP in 1924, later becoming a consultant physician at several Brighton hospitals. She also set up the first diabetic clinic in Sussex and Kent. She retired to Ripe in 1954, and in 1963 published her autobiography, *The Story of a Woman Physician*.

