



The Bugle

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Think differently

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"When they discover the centre of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it."

Bernard Bailey

Unreliable electricity

Residents in parts of Ripe, Chalvington and Laughton are suffering a summer of electricity drop-outs. They seem to come around breakfast time, and are both annoying - many household items have clocks that need re-setting - and possibly dangerous, for those with reliance on powered health support.

One resident told The Bugle that the South East Power networks acknowledged a break last week for 400 properties, and was told matters had been escalated, with trees touching power lines a possible cause. It's clear that more complaints produce action, and MP James MacCleary has said he's ready to act when informed.

Now it's too wet...

It was more of a brolly-up than fly-in for the 30th Anniversary celebrations at Kittyhawk Aerodrome. This French Mudry Cap 232, belonging to British aerobatic champion Diana Britten, got in before the downpours. Still, 150 guests help raise funds for our local air ambulance.



Organise us

Laughton Greenwood are looking for a part-time events organiser, working eight hours a week. The job is arranging a year-long programme that could include volunteer sessions, creative activities, wellbeing opportunities and seasonal events. For full details, go to their website: laughtongreenwood.co.uk/work-with-us



Volunteers needed for a gardening morning at Ripe community field, Saturday 5th September, 9:00 - 11:00. General maintenance, planning for planting spring bulbs, and refreshments.



Afternoon funk and grooves from the Inner Soul Collective at The Roebuck today, Bank Holiday Monday



The Yew Tree in Chalvington is hosting a Tapas Evening on Saturday 19th September. Places limited, so booking is essential. Phone 01323 811326



New kitchen opening times at The King's Head, East Hoathly: Wednesday & Thursday: 6pm to 9pm Friday & Saturday: 12pm to 2:30pm & 6pm to 9pm Sunday: 12pm to 6pm



Early Bank Holiday readers still have time to get to a festival celebrating the ancient yew tree at St Mary & St Peter's Churchyard, Wilmington. There'll be poetry, art, music and food from 10am to 5pm.



Get involved !

The Ripe Christmas Eve celebrations, centred on children giving and receiving gifts, are a tradition that goes back to at least 1951, with the grand tree, funded by donations and replacing the fingerpost from early December, much longer back in time.

The search is now on for some younger families to join in the planning and organisation, so that it both keeps going and stays relevant. The event, and the lead-up, is a 'co-production', involving RACCA, RVS and the Church, and there's plenty of existing support and expertise. If you'd like to help this year, please send an email to hello@racca.org.uk.

Glynde & Beddingham have won their first league title in 18 years, and are promoted to Sussex Cricket League Division 2. Three 1st XI regulars are from Ripe - Louis Barron, and Charlie & Tom Silvester; team captain was Archie Burrows who grew up in Ripe. Glynde have a strong junior set up, and if you fancy giving it a try next season, get in touch.



ART ~~~~~ WAVE

5th - 20th September 2026

This year's Artwave features the work of artists and makers in 176 venues around East Sussex.

At The Black Sheep, in Darp Lane, Ripe, there are paintings, drawings, prints and outdoor sculptures by Donna Leighton, Julian Wild and Guy Stevens, under the umbrella title "The Wild".



Nick Day offers his latest Wildlife Art, at 1 Railway Cottages, by the Ripe level crossing.

Annette King presents landscape, still life, animal pictures and abstract paintings at Curls Cottage in the middle of Ripe.



And at All Saints Church in Laughton you can see the work of silversmiths, basket-makers, weavers, stained glass artists, as well as sculpture and portraiture, in "The Art of Rural Life".

For opening times of these free exhibitions, please go online to

artwavefestival.org, where you can read or download a full copy of the programme, including details of directions and refreshments.



The garden at Monkyn Pyn Barn, Thornwell Road, Wilmington is open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 5th September, in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. There's an orchard, a dry courtyard, and beautiful views of the Downs and the Long Man. Bee hives on site.