



The Bugle

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It's thinking time

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"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

Napoleon Bonaparte

Racing stopped

Motor racing promoters Spedeworth have called a halt to their events at Arlington Stadium.



A safety inspection has raised questions about the wire fencing that protects spectators from flying debris, and sometimes wayward bikes and cars.



Local MP hears village concerns

Lewes MP James MacCleary was at Ripe Village Hall on Wednesday, talking about climate change, house-building and potholes. On damage to local roads, he promised to work with the Parish Council, if provided with a list of evidence, and wanted to be kept up on electricity drop-outs.

He was concerned a new Sussex mayor wouldn't have time to address village concerns, having to concentrate on the problems of major conurbations like Brighton and Crawley. On new housing estates, he said they shouldn't be built unless and until South East Water could guarantee year-round supply.

James will be in Laughton on Wednesday 19th August, in the Roebuck Inn, starting at 6pm.



Chris Coull and his band, with vocalist Imogen Ryall, entertained at Limekiln Farm on Thursday, a Villages Music Festival event. They featured tunes from the "Great American Songbook", as well as numbers made famous by Miles Davis, marking 100 years since his birth.



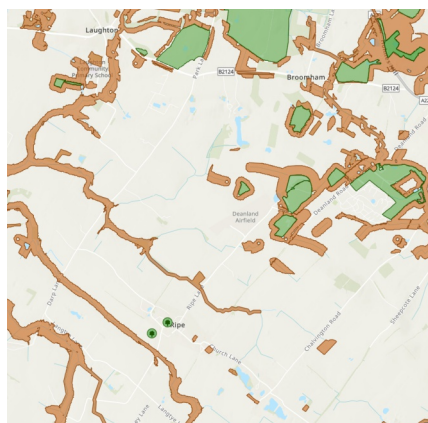
"My 80s Addiction" will be in the marquee at The Yew Tree in Chalvington from 4:30pm, Saturday 15th August. Expect Erasure, Human League and Kajagoogoo.



Around 12:30pm on Tuesday, the 500 Metrobus travelling along the A22 to Uckfield caught the forks of a tractor at the top of Chalvington Road at the Golden Cross junction. Three people on the bus were treated at the scene; one needed to go to Eastbourne District General Hospital for further treatment. Police said no arrests were made.



A relaxing, shared lunch for the 10th Birthday celebrations at Laughton Greenwood last weekend, with 80 in attendance over the day.



East Sussex and Brighton councils have published a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Their new online map shows "Areas of particular importance for biodiversity" in green, and "Areas that could become important for biodiversity" in brown. More details: sussexnaturerecovery.org.uk

✝ Next services: Deanland Community Church, in the Social Centre, at 10:30am on Thursday 13th August, including communion. A service designed to accommodate those from any denominational background (or none).

Sunday 16th August: 10:30 am Holy Communion at Laughton, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah, with Archdeacon Martin Lloyd-Williams preaching.

Your photos

A Jersey Tiger Moth (l) spotted by Val Hopson; a Southern Hawker (r), a dragonfly, from Libby Darling; and a flight of storks on thermals above Ripe, from Mark Thomas.

