

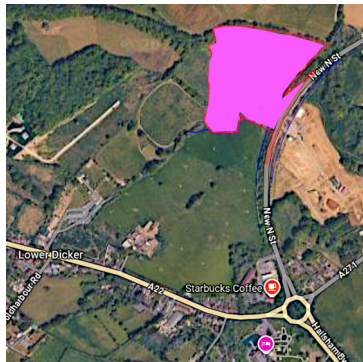
The Bugle

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Everyone's getting it

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"Sometimes I wonder what I'm a-gonna do, 'cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues." Eddie Cochran



Waste depot

Wealden Council has backed plans for a new bin lorry depot, at Knights Farm, to replace the Amberstone site. It will be opposite the new sports centre, with a new roundabout along the A267.

Happy ten years in the forest



The team at Laughton Greenwood invite you to join them for a day-long series of events to mark ten years working to enhance and enjoy the woodland. There'll be craft and coil basket workshops, talks by Marina Robb and Olivia Sprinkel, nature walks and an attempt to create the world's largest woodland collage. It runs from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 2nd August; for just £5 per person, there's baked potatoes and a shared picnic. Book via www.laughtongreenwood.co.uk.

Dancing ladies

The Knots of May, formed in Brighton in 1974, will be dancing outside The King's Head in East Hoathly on Tuesday 28th July from 8pm; traditional tunes accompanied by traditional ales.



Explosive

Rock covers specialists Dynamite provide the music in the marquee at The Yew Tree in Chalvington, from 4:30pm on Saturday 1st August.

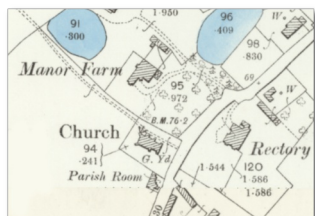


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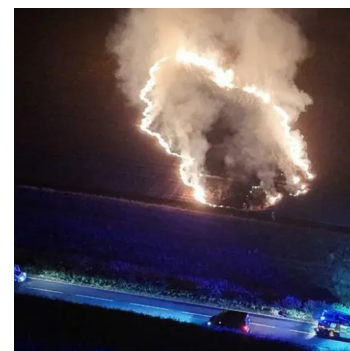
From the July 1957 Parish Magazine, we learn of a decision to install Radisill electric heaters in the Parish Room before the winter, with plans for a Whist Drive and a Jumble sale to raise funds in September and October.

The 'room', now the site of a house, was just south of St Bartholomew's Church, and, from maps, seems to have been built between 1875 and 1898.



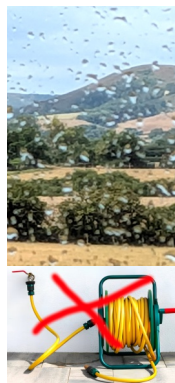
Ring of fire

The continuing heatwave and drought brought fires around us last week. Top - two pictures of Monday's gorse and pine fire in Abbots Wood, which required eight appliances after the alarm was raised via a Whatsapp group for walkers. Right: a field fire being damped down alongside the road between Drusilla's Roundabout and Berwick Station. And below right, an overnight blaze in a field in Stone Cross late on Monday.



Is that all there is ?

A spattering of raindrops on Sunday morning looks set to be followed by more heat and more days without 'proper' rain. The BBC forecast for our area shows 0% chance of rain right through to Friday.



The hosepipe and sprinkler ban from South East Water became official on Saturday. There are now restrictions on their ability to top up Arlington Reservoir by drawing water from the River Cuck.



The saplings and whips that have been planted on the community field in Ripe are in need of more help. Volunteers with watering cans and tools welcome from 9am to 11am on Saturday 1st August; refreshments provided.



Save the date: RACCA are planning an Autumn Dog Fest (Show) with food, music a bar and children's games on Saturday 26th September 12:30 to 3:30 pm on Ripe community field.



Next services: Sunday 2nd August at 8:30am, Holy Communion at All Saints', Laughton; and at 10:30am, Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew, Chalvington.

Rantipole

Left: a flower of the wild carrot, a biennial, sometimes called Queen Anne's Lace, Pig's Parsley or Rantipole. It's seen in flower from June to September, and has small, pale, taproots. After blooming, the lacy flower heads curl inward as the seeds develop, forming a concave shape that resembles a bird's nest. Be careful not to confuse this with other members of the carrot family, such as Poison Hemlock.

