News from Chalvington, Deanland, Laughton & Ripe

The Bugle

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"I write down everything I want to remember. That way, instead of spending a lot of time trying to remember what it is I wrote down, I spend the time looking for the paper I wrote it down on."

Beryl Pfizer





Back on track

Arlington Stadium has been made safe and spruced up, by new leaseholders Spedeworth Motorsports and numerous volunteers. Racing re-starts on Saturday 14th November, with bangers, barn finds, stock cars and Junior Micra Stock Car Southern Championships, starting from 5pm. Aerial photos by The Nosey Photographer.

RACCA
RIPE AND CHALVINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



It's time to assemble your team for one of the most hotly-contested quizzes of the year - and raise funds for the traditional Christmas Eve celebrations organised by the Ripe and Chalvington Community Association, in collaboration with Ripe Village Stores. As ever, it's at The Yew Tree in Chalvington, starting at 7pm on Friday 27th November. £15 per person, including meal, teams of six maximum, which can be sorted on the night. Please book via The Yew Tree or Ripe Village Stores. Oh, and come ready to buy raffle tickets...



Lighting up time

Further ahead, save the date for Thursday 10th December, with the official lighting up of the Ripe Christmas tree at 5.30pm, with carols led by Saturday Singing Club, from Rottingdean. Lanterns and warm clothing would be a good idea. RVS will be hosting it's usual Pop Up Pub, and the Grand Christmas Raffle will be drawn.



Laughton's Christmas lights switch on will be on Sunday 6th December, in the late afternoon. You'll be able to enjoy singing with the Lilley Lovett Theatre Group and Soul Voices in the Village Hall, before repairing to The Roebuck Inn to await the arrival of Santa.



Tuesday night sees the return of the team from Boello Co, providing pizza to stay and go at The Roebuck Inn, Laughton.





Remembrance

A crisp, misty November morning saw the Act of Remembrance at Ripe, with the parade again meticulously organised by Christopher Newton, late of the Welsh Guards; standard-bearer was Darryl Twinch, whose weekday role is delivering post around the village. The Last Post was played from the church tower by James Clifton (left), from Eastbourne; it was his 30th appearance, having started aged 16.

The sister service at Laughton, at 6pm, was also conducted by Rev Steve Osei-Mensah.







Once again, the Phantom Knitters of Dealand Wood Park have provided a splending Remembrance topper for the postbox.

Deanland's special Remembrance Service will be held in the Social Centre, at 10.30am on Thursday 12th November. Eric Senior, from the Uckfield British Legion, will be sharing his own experiences in the military, and lowering the Standard during the Act of Remembrance.

Right: another brilliant wood sculpture by Keith Pettit, destined for the flames at East Hoathly Carnival Society's bonfire night. Below, a smaller but equally warming and hospitable blaze in downtown Ripe.



