

# The Bugle

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*"We hope that, when the insects take over the world, they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics."*

Bill Vaughan

## Bigger Broyle Side

Lewes District Council's planning committee has given outline permission for 140 homes on Howells Bank Farm land, just west of Broyle Side, near Ringmer. There were 583 objections.



Five councillors voted in favour of the proposal, four against with one abstaining. Officers provided a barrister's opinion that a refusal was likely to be overturned on appeal.



Friston Place has two 'Open Garden' sessions this week. On Wednesday 17th June, proceeds go to Friends of Eastbourne Hospital, and Saturday 20th June is for St Wilfrid's Hospice; the house has large herbaceous borders, a very formal Italian garden, a vegetable garden and a flint-walled rose garden. At the edge of the garden there is a new arboretum planted with 45 cherry trees, with more trees to come.

✝ Sunday 21st June at 8:30am and 10:30am:  
Patronal Festival Morning Prayer at St. John the Baptist, Ripe

The Roebuck Inn has a Father's Day special - a 14oz dry aged sirloin steak on the bone for £40, to add to its regular menu for Sunday 21st June.



Sussex Day (officially 16th June) is being celebrated along Hailsham High Street and the Vicarage Gardens on Saturday 20th June. There will be traditional maypole dancing by local Brownies, performances from Hailsham Choral Society, the Sussex Stompers, the Long Man Morris Dancers, and a Punch and Judy show with Jonathan Cann (right).



Sam Gallon's photo of three "Little Owl" owlets near his house in Ripe. The Little Owl - *noctua* - grows to 22cm. As you can see, it's a cavity nester.



Donna Leighton's summer scenes on the windows of Ripe Village Stores

## Nursery offers 'all year round' cover

Ripe Nursery School will open 50 weeks a year from September, offering spaces beyond the current term-time provision. Parents can make more flexible arrangements by agreement with the school.

To help with the new offer, the Nursery wants to recruit an experienced and qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator to join the team in their baby room, The Nest, for an all-year-round position. For more information or to apply please email [charlotte@ripenurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@ripenurseryschool.co.uk)



## On the piste

Karen Thyer's brush capturing all the intense action of Saturday morning petanque players, on the gravel pitch at Ripe Community Field.

## Travelling trio

It's a busy 2026 for The Astatine Trio, who are in concert at Ripe Church on Friday 19th June at 7.00pm.



January saw performances on Radio 3's In Tune, and at King's Place and St Luke's in London; in February there were trips to historic venues in Holland Park and Hastings; March included a visit to the Lizst Academy in Budapest; May brought concerts at the Norwich and Norfolk Festival and the Brighton Festival, before travel to Japan for the Osaka International Chamber Music Festa.

After Ripe, the diary already includes visits to Paris, the Cheltenham Festival and the International Music Festival of Savona, Italy. Tickets for Friday are available online at [villagesmusicfestival.org](http://villagesmusicfestival.org)

## From the archive



A Parish Magazine from 1957. The February edition thanks Major Sir Walter Scott for the Ripe Christmas tree, and the Sunday School for funding the lights. A formal visit by the Archdeacon to the Parish won a good report "I noted that the weekly celebrations of Holy Communion in the Churches attract a very encouraging number of worshippers for so small a community". The local Guides had a blank month: "Owing to petrol restrictions and the prevalence of mumps, it has unfortunately not been possible to hold meetings during these past few weeks".