

# The Bugle

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It's the real thing

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*"One reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time."*

Nancy Astor



## A second week of night diversions

A reminder: Overnight road closures on the A27 between Beddingham and Drusilla's continue 8pm-6am until Sunday 22nd March. The road will be fully open on the nights of 13th and 17th March.

## One field down...

Volunteers from the Ripe and Chalvington Community Association have almost completed the planting scheme in the first of the new community fields near Ripe Church. Nearly 400 whips and trees were put in place over Saturday and Sunday.



**Services coming up:** 10.30am Thursday 12th March Deanland's monthly ecumenical service, led by Graham Horsnell. Ripe Church has been cleaned and polished after most of the repainting finished, and will be hosting the traditional Mothering Sunday service at 10.30am on Sunday 15th March, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.



A few tickets still left for the Ripe Village Hall Quiz on Saturday 14th March. Head to Ripe Village Stores pronto to book your place.



## Choir brings Bach passion

Laughton Village Choir return to Holy Cross Church, Uckfield for their Spring concert - Bach's St John Passion, sung in English with soloists Ben Hancox-Lachman (tenor) Rosie Page (mezzo), Jozik Kotz (bass) and Peter Grevatt (baritone). It starts at 6pm on Saturday 28th March, and tickets are available online at [musicboxwealden.co.uk](http://musicboxwealden.co.uk).



The Buck is back: Andy Wiles and Doug Marshall

## Meat for a pint?

Wealden planners say a proposal for a butchery in the old ballroom of the Roebuck Inn, Laughton, can go ahead.

Their decision notice says "The proposed use of part of the existing function room as an ancillary

farm shop for the sale of local/fresh produce and butchery would not constitute development.. and therefore, planning permission is not required."

New tenants Andy Wiles (formerly chef at the Mildmay Restaurant, Glyndebourne and the Sussex National) and local farmer and contractor Doug Marshall have been working on renovations, and will re-open the pub on Friday 13th March from 5.30pm with a welcoming drink. Food service will start on Saturday 14th March.



## Shop changes hands

The lease of Laughton Village Shop has been handed over to Kirti and Twinkle Karia. Kirti (left), who also runs Hartfield Village Stores, will become the new Post Master, and will be supported by Sam, Rachel and Shirley who remain as Post Office Assistants.

The shop is owned by the Laughton Village Community Benefit Shop Ltd, who've welcomed the new tenants, working alongside Allison Wright's team. "Look out for a few changes and extended opening hours. We hope all existing customers will continue to support Laughton Village Shop and Post Office, and enjoy all it has to offer".

*A note about last week's picture of crocuses near Ripe church: They were planted seven years ago, in The Rotary Clubs' Purple4Polio campaign, backed by The Parish Council. Below - two scenes from*

*Chalvington, courtesy of Steve Lock: left, the moon in "Waxing Gibbous" phase, ahead of last week's full moon. "Waxing" means the light is increasing, and "gibbous" refers to its hump-backed, swollen shape. Right: a pair of day old-lambs, which may explain why Locky was up taking moon pictures.*

