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"Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone."
Gertrude Stein

Change ahead

The Government is pressing ahead with a new single unitary authority for East Sussex, confirming that East Saltdean, Peacehaven and Telscombe will become part of Brighton & Hove City Council; East Sussex hangs on to Falmer.

The new body will replace separate councils for Eastbourne, Lewes, Hastings, Rother and Wealden, serving a population of 530,000. It could run in shadow form before full operation from April 2029.

Elections for Wealden and our parish councils will go ahead unchanged on Thursday 6th May 2027. Nominations must be in by 8th April.

Lest we forget

8th November is Remembrance Sunday, with the regular short parade from Church Farm, Ripe forming up at 10:40 am, progressing to the war memorial in Ripe churchyard by 10.45am.

All members and ex members of the armed forces will be welcomed together with those of the auxiliary services police, fire, ambulance and nursing services. Organiser Christopher Newton would also encourage those who wish to represent their grandparents to join.

Laughton's Service of Remembrance is at 6pm at All Saint's, Laughton, with refreshments afterwards.





Horses and hounds from the South Downs & Eridge kennels at Ringmer led the funeral cortege for Nick Clutton on the last journey from Ripe Church to the graveside at Chalvington.

Work to reduce the crowns of three trees in Laughton churchyard will take place week beginning 9th November.

It's quiz time tonight, Monday 2nd November, at The Roebuck Inn, Laughton; £10 per person entry, which includes food for the table. Call to book on 01323 379273.



1st prize in the Roebuck Inn Farm Shop children's pumpkin carving competition was awarded to Flora, age 6.



Firle's Bonfire Night went ahead with just a 24-hour delay for the weather. Now we watch for the Bonfire Societies of Lewes to entertain on Thursday 5th November. The Glynde, Beddingham and Firle Memorial Parade and fireworks follow on Friday 13th November.



Horror at the Village Hall







Giant murals by Donna Leighton (throwing some shapes, left) transformed Ripe Village Hall on Halloween into a dystopian Chalvingtomb. Burgers and morgue-ritas from Alan, Charlie and Emma, monster beats provided by Michael Moran.







As many half-expected, the roadworks planned for Church Lane in Chalvington were postponed, and now "carriageway overlay" has been rescheduled for 17th and 18th November.



Volunteers needed on Ripe Community Field on Saturday 7th November from 9am to 11am, for a final planting of bulbs - with the ground already softer. Please bring tools; refreshments provided.

Out and about

Right: A shaggy inkcap, more formally Coprinus Comatus, also known as the Lawyer's Wig. Far right: volunteers at Laughton Greenwood working on leaky dams.



