

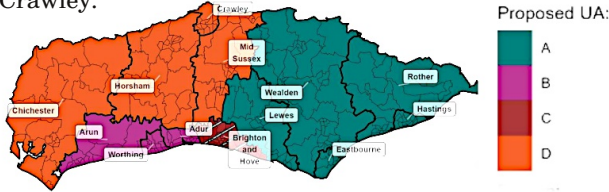
# The Bugle

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"If I only had a little humility, I'd be perfect." Ted Turner

## Second thoughts on councils

The Government is now suggesting there should be four reshaped councils working below a new Mayor for Sussex. They're proposing a bigger Brighton, including areas previously managed by Lewes; a Greater Worthing, stretching along the coast of West Sussex; and bundling Chichester together with Horsham and Crawley.



- Proposed Unitary A: Eastbourne, Hastings, Rother, Wealden and the main parts of Lewes (pop: around 537,000)
- Unitary B: Arun, Adur, Worthing (pop: around 349,000)
- Unitary C: Brighton plus East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs, Peacehaven West, Peacehaven East, Peacehaven North, Falmer Parish (from Kingston ward) (pop: around 308,000)
- Unitary D: Crawley, Chichester, Horsham, Mid Sussex (around 566,000)

## Still selling Ripe in strips

Online auctioneers are still offering bits of farm land at Follengers Field, Ripe; the latest plots, "Cloverhill" and "Hayfield" have a guide price of £20k.



## Help them play the game

Laughton Ladies Stoolball Club are looking for both an umpire and a scorer. The umpire would be to cover Tuesday matches, which are normally away fixtures, against sides between Chiddingly and Hassocks (most closer than that). The scorer could be needed at home and away. Cricket knowledge helpful for both roles; please call or message 07855 534664.



An appreciative audience enjoyed a pared-down yet still moving performance of Bach's powerful *St John Passion*, by Laughton Village Choir on Saturday at Holy Cross Church in Uckfield.

## Flexibus changes



From 1st April, it's the end of 'Ride Pingo'; you'll need to use a new dedicated Flexibus app to book rides on the on-demand East Sussex minibus service.

Other changes: Saturday service ends completely, and the maximum trip length is reduced from 14 miles to 9 miles. You will still be able to book by phone on 01273 078203 between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).



## Easter at church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April  
 18:30 Holy Communion All Saints Laughton  
*A short service as we prepare for Easter itself*

Good Friday 3rd April

11:00 Service at St John's Ripe  
*Dramatic readings, meditating on Jesus, the suffering servant.*

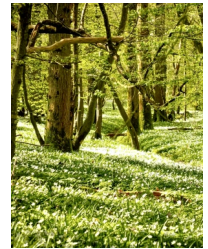
Easter Sunday 5th April

08:30 Communion at St Bartholomew's Chalvington  
*A traditional service of Holy Communion*  
 09:30 Holy Communion at All Saints Laughton  
*A celebration of the risen Christ*  
 11:00 Family Communion service at St John's Ripe  
*A family-orientated service celebrating Easter Sunday*

With no outstanding matters, the meeting of Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council, scheduled for tonight, 30th March, has been cancelled.

## Arlington opens

The Arlington Bluebell Walk, raising money for good causes, opens on Good Friday, 3rd April for its 53rd season - though it'll be dominated by white wood anemones at this time of the year, with a few bluebells coming through.



One innovation this year - the six Sunday openings host various classic car clubs, starting with BMW on Sunday 5th April, followed by MG, Alfa Romeo, Morris, Porsche and Rolls Royce, and finally Jaguar on Sunday 10th May.

The Roebuck Inn at Laughton has a new telephone number: 01323 379272.

Coming up in April at the Inn On The Park, Deanland: Thursday 9th April Curry & Quiz; Friday 10th April DJ Paul; Saturday 18th April Sharon's Music.

The team at Laughton Greenwood have set up a special Easter trail, with animal artworks created by volunteers at a weekend workshop.

