

# The Bugle

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*"The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public"*  
Geroge Jessel



## What next for churches ?

New Rector Steve Osei-Mensah is planning a review of how the three churches in the parish can be used more effectively "in Christ's service and engaging the community" right across the week. The work will also

look at the church's outreach and presence in Deanland Wood Park.

In his first report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, he also emphasised more outreach to "families who might start to regularly worship with us. It will be fun to consider how we might evolve our services, and perhaps a monthly family orientated service to provide a clearer welcome to families".

*The church choir sang a new setting of The Lord Is My Shepherd for "Good Shepherd Sunday"; here they are, pictured with composer Antony Hepworth (centre).*



Next services: Sunday 3rd May at 8.30am, Morning Prayer at All Saints', Laughton; and at 10.30am, Morning Prayer at St. Bartholomew, Chalvington



Looking ahead: A free singing workshop and cream tea is in store, with Sussex Harmony West Gallery Quire visiting Ripe Church again.

It starts at 2.30pm on Sunday 17th May, leading up to Evensong at 6pm. The Quire offers a chance to recreate the music of village churches from a time before organs and Victorian formality; if you would like to come and sing (or play an instrument), please contact Peter Teager on 01323 811391 or peter.teager@btopenworld.com.



## Too busy ?

The Gun Brewery in Gun Hill is seeking retrospective planning permission for some activities, after a visit by Wealden enforcement officers.

Under consideration are solar panels; extra outdoor seating; a busier tap room; and additional parking.



Booking is open for two early morning walks at Bates Green Garden, Arlington, listening for "Woodland Birdsong" led by Sarah Wilesmith, on Wednesday 14th May and 21st May.

## Good causes

Cameron Ruckley from Ripe is aiming to run the Southdowns Way from Winchester to Eastbourne over three days next month, raising funds for the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. His target is £1,629 - enough to buy two specialist pieces of equipment that help restore breathing in badly-injured patients.



Cameron, 40, is a training manager for EasyJet; he's completed a marathon before, but this challenge is close to four marathons in three consecutive days. You can sponsor him at [www.justgiving.com/page/cameron-ruckley-1](http://www.justgiving.com/page/cameron-ruckley-1)



Paula Barker of Martins Wood Farm, Ripe, is part of a team of family and friends raising funds for young dancers from our area to take part in the Dance World Cup in Dublin in July.

The team train together at Horam. Photographer Paula has a special offer on digital "Bluebell Photoshoots", with slots available on 2nd and 3rd May - contact [paulabarkerphotography@hotmail.com](mailto:paulabarkerphotography@hotmail.com).



## Tip them off

After last week's errant supermarket trolley, left by a gate in Ripe, litterwatch patroller Barclay Thompson writes in praise of Wealden's Street Scene Team who deal with fly-tipping. "They usually clear things within two days, and anyone can message them, either by email to [street.scene@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:street.scene@wealden.gov.uk), or by calling 01323 443322, with a description or photo and directions".

*Left: a selection of larger items dumped on Barclay's patch.*

*Right: Black Shaw Wood, behind Laughton church. The seats have been set up by the Forest School working out of Laughton Community Primary School. Photo from Gerry Harrison. Below, cherry saplings in blossom, planted just last year on Ripe's community field.*

