

# The Bugle

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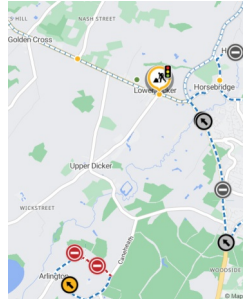
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*"One is left with the horrible feeling now that war settles nothing; that to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one."*

Agatha Christie

## Repair time

Still a few more overnight road closures to come along the A27 between Beddingham and Berwick until Friday. Meanwhile a succession of work permits has been granted for lane closures and traffic lights along the A22 between Uckfield and Hailsham (right) in the week ahead.



## Blooming lovely!

The sunny outdoors came cascading indoors for the 58th Spring Flower Show at Ripe Village Hall. Growing season vagaries were overcome by the quality of entries, and trophies were elegantly handed out by Peter Benning (assisted by show stalwart Mary Major) to Kath Sibilis (below left) and Eric and Helen Hunter (right) among many others.



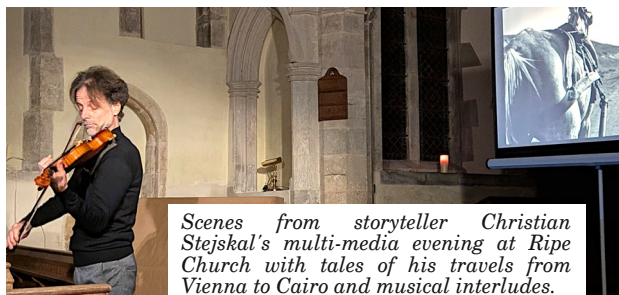
## Offroader

This driver took quite a tumble along Firle Road south of Ripe at the start of last week, and came back to have more than one go at retrieval of the vehicle.



## Little helper

Nearly all local residents have now taken delivery of Wealden District Council's new food waste bins; weekly collections for most homes start in the first week of April.



Scenes from storyteller Christian Stejskal's multi-media evening at Ripe Church with tales of his travels from Vienna to Cairo and musical interludes.

## Accessible Passion

There will be tickets available on the door for Laughton Village Choir's performance of J S Bach's St Passion this Saturday - and director Linda Glenn says it will be shortened, succinct and accessible to all.

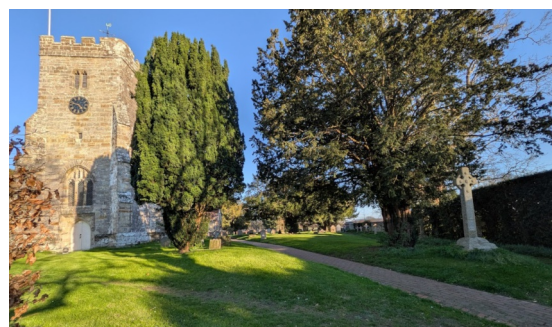


It was first performed in 1724 for Good Friday Vespers at St Nicholas' Church in Leipzig. LVC's performance starts at 6pm on 28th March in Holy Cross Church, Uckfield.



Sunday 29th March is Palm Sunday, marking the end of Lent and the start of Holy Week, with the Bible telling us that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the crowds greeted him waving palm leaves. Churches in Sussex have used yew, box, willow, or pussy willow as substitutes in commemorative processions.

Parish services: Holy Communion 8:30 am at Laughton, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.  
Deanland Praise 10:30 am at Deanland Park, led by Revd Steve Osei-Mensah.



A few days of bright sunshine and everything is looking greener - as here, in Ripe churchyard.