

Edition 27 - 28th February, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to this week's edition of the Dean Scene!

With March marking **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**, I'm especially proud to support my stepson Jacob as he prepares to run the **Brighton Marathon** in aid of **Prostate Cancer UK**. He's been training incredibly hard for his very first marathon and is raising funds for this important cause. If you're able to support him with a donation - no matter how small - it would be hugely appreciated!

[Jacob Staples is fundraising for PROSTATE CANCER UK](#)

There will also be a **FREE** prostate awareness talk taking place at the **Nuffield Hospital, Woodingdean** later this month for anyone interested in learning more about this important subject.

And if you're looking for a way to get involved in helping out locally, the **Deans Repair Café** is still looking for volunteers. If you can spare a little time and would like to help, please get in touch with Gill Adams (details below) — she would be delighted to hear from you!

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

## What's Happening In The Deans This Week...

**The Deans Beach & Environment Volunteers  
Sunday 1st March  
Rottingdean Beach**

**Tomorrow** will be our **March Beach Clean** on **Rottingdean Beach** - will you be joining us?

We'll be there from **11am-12.30pm**: all equipment provided or feel free to bring your own. And why not bring a friend or family member (or two!) along with you - let's introduce some more people to the fun of litter picking.

If possible, please can you spare 10 minutes at the end of the morning to help us sort the finds: thanks to the support of the wonderful @anglersnlrs [Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme](#) and their partners @reap\_uk [REAP UK](#) we can recycle more of our finds than ever before, ensuring the rubbish doesn't go into landfill - and the more help we have with sorting, the quicker the job is done. Thanks in advance!

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**Woodingdean Community Centre  
Tuesday 3rd March, 6pm**



Local Woodingdean PCSO, **Leo**, will be hosting a drop in surgery on **Tuesday 3rd March**

This is for members of the public that would like to engage with him in person with an opportunity to discuss local issues or concerns.

**South Coast Taxis  
Call:01273 301111**

An advertisement for South Coast Taxis. It features a background image of a coastal scene with a woman in a white taxi uniform. Text includes 'SOUTH COAST TAXIS', '01273 301111', 'We can take you from Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Ovingdean &amp; Saltdean', 'Your Local Taxi Company Since 1987', and a '24/7 TAXI' logo. A small 'SCT' logo is also visible in the bottom left corner of the ad.

**Book Now**

## Woodingdean Community Centre

7th March:

10.30am - 1pm



## Nuffield Health

Woodingdean

Tuesday 3rd March, 6pm

Nuffield Health Brighton

CALLSTONES

Mr Antonios Athanasiou  
Consultant Laparoscopic and Robotic Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon

Ask the Expert about Gallstones

Nuffield Health Brighton

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm  
01273 627007

### FREE Meet the Expert Talk on Gallstones

Join us for an informative session with Consultant Laparoscopic and Robotic Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon, **Mr Antonios Athanasiou**.

Gain insights into gallstones, symptoms, treatment options, and have your questions answered by a leading specialist.

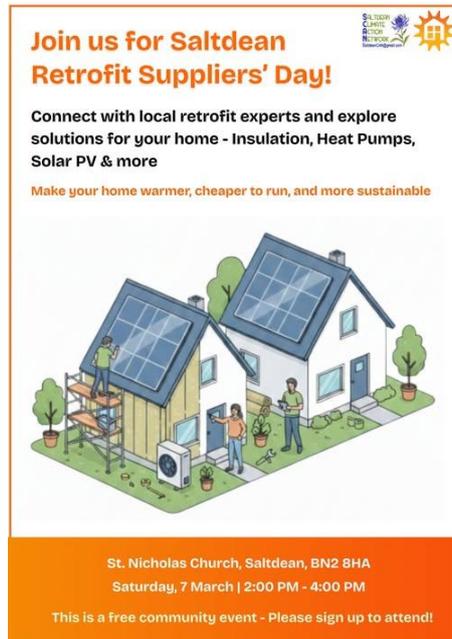
To book your place,

call **01273 627007**

Or email [brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com](mailto:brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com)

**Book Now!**

**Saltdean Retrofit Supplier's Day**  
**St Nicholas Church**  
**Saturday 7th March**  
**2pm - 4pm**



**Powering Saltdean's future, one home at a time.**

Curious about how to make your home warmer, greener, and more affordable to run? Join us for a **Retrofit Suppliers' Day** as part of the **Saltdean Decarbonisation Plan**, delivered by **Brighton & Hove Energy Services Co-op - BHESCo** in partnership with SCAN. Meet trusted local retrofit specialists, explore practical low-carbon solutions, and get honest advice tailored to your home.

Free to attend!

This is a free community event. Book your place now!

**Register Today!**

**Helping Paws  
" Music Bingo"  
Sunday 8th March  
5pm-8pm  
Brighton Yacht Club**

**HELPING PAWS PRESENTS  
KATH 'N' PENS MUSIC BINGO**

**1970'S/80'S  
THEME**

**STALLS**

**RAFFLE**

**PRIZES**

**TOMBOLA**

**£10  
ENTRY**

*Guaranteed to be bonkers*

**OPTIONAL FANCY DRESS**

**SUNDAY MARCH 8TH 5PM-8PM**  
**BRIGHTON YACHT CLUB, WESTERN CONCOURSE**  
**BRIGHTON MARINA**

*Every Penny raised goes to animals in need*

 **HELPING PAWS** 

BOOK ON EVENTSBRITE BOOK ON OUR WEBSITE

Join us for a fun time at what promises to be one of our most crazy fundraisers yet!

It is a 1970's/80's themed music bingo event with some wacky prizes. There will be stalls, a raffle and our world famous tombola. All money raised will go to animals in need in the UK and across the world.

[\*\*Buy Tickets Here!\*\*](#)

**Saltdean Vintage & Collectables Roadshow**  
**Tuesday 3rd March**  
**11.30 - 15.30**  
**St Martins Church, Saltdean**



Join us for free valuations and cash offers on the day. When you arrive you will receive a warm welcome from our team of vintage experts before your in-person appraisal of your valuables. You will then be offered a no-obligation offer with immediate payment on the day.

Simply gather your items together and bring them to the church where we will have 2/3 experts ready to value your items and offer you a no obligation cash offer. Its completely free, with no fees or commission.

Its a win-win!



**Items We Buy:** Gold, Jewellery, Watches, Cameras, Old Toys, Pens, Medals & Militaria, Coins & Currency, Silver.



**Items We Don't Buy:** Glass, Porcelain, Ceramics, China, Clothing. For more information click the 'Learn More' button below

[Learn More](#)

# The Deans Repair Cafe Needs Volunteers!

Reduce waste : Share & learn new skills



PLUS  
Knitting and  
crochet help!

Energy  
advice  
available



## Deans Repair Cafe

2025: Sat Nov 22, 10:30-12:30

2026: Sat Jan 31, 10:30-12:30 &

Sat March 21, 10:30-12:30

29 Chichester Drive West, Saltdean, BN2 8SH

FREE community event. Just find your non-working small home gadgets/electricals, eg, lamps, kitchen and garden tools, vacs + simple electronics and see if we can give them a new lease of life. Also we have stitchers for clothes, crafts. Be prepared to stay, learn, drink tea, and chat. New fixers, welcome!  
(Donations welcome to cover our insurance. Cash only.)

Facebook: Deans Repair Cafe  
deansrepaircafe@gmail.com  
07860515217



Have you got electrical skills? Do you eye up a toaster that doesn't pop up or a vacuum cleaner that doesn't vacuum or a lamp that doesn't light - and think 'I'll have a go at fixing that'. If the answer is 'yes' please offer yourself to the **Deans Repair Cafe** for an occasional sociable gathering of Saltdean locals who bring wonky household items for fix-helper volunteers to ponder over, advise and often fix.

Feeling more mechanical than electrical? Our Trevor would appreciate some help, too. His eyes light up when presented with a stubborn sewing machine or a label maker that won't make labels. The events are fun - no obligation to 'get it right' and if we can keep items out of landfill so much the better. You won't be alone, Bertie is one of our regular stalwarts (with John) and also our PAT tester.

**Phone Gill on 07860515217 if you'd like to chat first.**

**Or email [[saltdeancan@gmail.com](mailto:saltdeancan@gmail.com)]**

The Repair Cafe is part of **SCAN, Saltdean Climate Action Network**.

You will be welcomed with open arms (and possibly cake!).

[Email Here](#)



### Calling All Local Business Owners!

With over **1,500 engaged local subscribers** across Rottingdean, Saltdean, Ovingdean, Woodingdean and beyond, the Dean Scene newsletter lands directly in the inboxes of your ideal customers every week — people who actively support independent, local businesses.

Advertising with *The Dean Scene* is simple, affordable, and effective. There's no long-term commitment, no complicated packages, and no wasted spend. Just clear visibility, genuine local reach, and real results.

Prices start from just **£20.83 + VAT per week**, making it one of the most cost-effective ways to promote your business locally. Whether you're launching something new, promoting an offer, or simply staying front-of-mind within the community, this is your opportunity to be seen.

👉 Interested? Email [lisa@deanscene.co.uk](mailto:lisa@deanscene.co.uk) or visit [deanscene.co.uk/business](https://deanscene.co.uk/business) to secure your spot and put your business in front of the Deans audience, where local really matters.

[Email Lisa](mailto:lisa@deanscene.co.uk)

## Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

### Help Jacob reach his target for Prostate Cancer UK



(Jacob running his first ever Half Marathon in 2025)

On Sunday 12th April, Jacob will be taking on the **Brighton Marathon** in support of **Prostate Cancer UK**.

This will be Jacob's very first full marathon, a huge personal challenge, and he has been training tirelessly while raising funds for this incredibly important cause. He is now closing in on his **£1,000 target**, and any contribution, big or small, would give him that final push to reach the finish line both on the course and in his fundraising.

If you're able to donate, your support would mean the world to him. And if you're free on the 12th, why not head into Brighton to cheer Jacob on, along with the many inspiring runners who dedicate months of training to raise money for such worthwhile charities? The atmosphere is always unforgettable — and every shout of encouragement makes a difference!

A few words from Jacob "I'm running the **Brighton Marathon for Prostate Cancer UK**. Prostate cancer affects **1 in 8 men in the UK**. That's one dad, partner, brother, son, grandad, uncle or mate. I'm raising money to help fund lifesaving research and support for men and their families affected by prostate cancer".

**Sponsor Jacob Now!**

**Nuffield Health, Woodingdean  
Wednesday 18th March at 6pm  
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**



The banner features the Nuffield Health Brighton logo on the left, a central image of a doctor holding a 'Men's Health' sign, and a blue ribbon icon on the right labeled 'Prostate Cancer AWARENESS MONTH'. Below these elements, the text reads: 'Mr Andrew Symes Consultant Urologist', 'Ask the Expert about Men's Health', 'Nuffield Health Brighton' with a location pin icon, 'Wednesday 18th March 6pm' with a calendar and clock icon, and the phone number '01273 627007'. A portrait of Mr Andrew Symes is shown in the bottom right corner.

**March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month  
Join us for a free Meet Our Expert health talk with  
Mr Andrew Symes — Consultant Urologist**

Mr Symes will be covering:

- ✓ Men's health
- ✓ Prostate awareness
- ✓ Signs & symptoms to look out for
- ✓ When to seek support
- ✓ Treatment and screening options

This is an open, friendly session designed to empower men — and those who support them — with clear, expert advice.

Book your place:

[brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com](mailto:brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com)

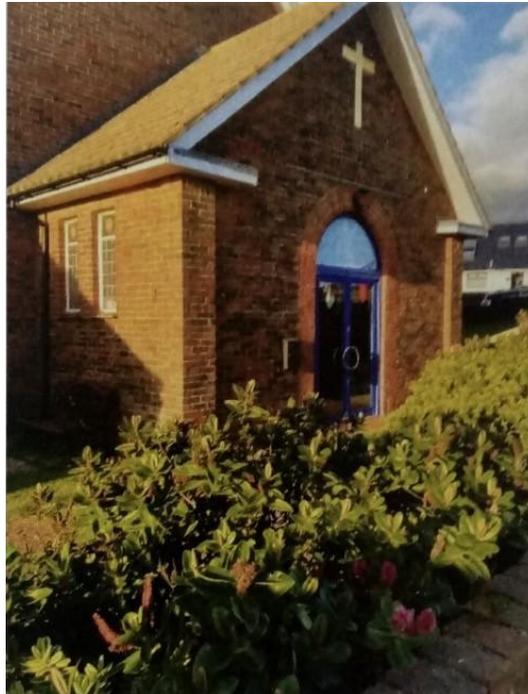
**Or call: 01273 627007**

Light refreshments provided - Free onsite parking

**Book Now**



## St Martins United Reform Church, Saltdean....



It was at a meeting in **1947** at the then Ocean Hotel that talks took place regarding the building of an Anglican church for Saltdean. During the war years, a monthly service had been held at Telscombe Village but this was felt to be inadequate and it was clear that Saltdean badly needed a place of worship of its own. A long struggle lay ahead to raise funds for this and the Presbyterian Church.

In **1941** two residents of Saltdean, **Miss Adele Angeloni** and **Miss Nora Fielder**, opened their home in Rodmell Avenue for a small Sunday School to prevent children having to undertake a journey to Telscombe or Rottingdean. As the number of children grew the venue was moved to another bungalow in Bevendean Avenue which, at the

time was being used and a small private school named 'The Dean', and from the **6th July 1941** services were also held there. It was from that year that the church building fund was launched.

**Mrs M. McLachlan**, a church sister from Kemptown, Brighton, managed to obtain permission for worship to be held at the derelict lido. Services were held in the former men's dressing room and the ladies dressing room was used by the Sunday School children. A man was paid to be on duty each Sunday to prevent children from falling into the empty pool! Worshippers lent oil stoves for heating. As there was no tap water, it was fetched in jugs and teapots from the home of Mrs Block, a nearby resident. Sometimes in winter, torches had to be used for the congregation to be able to see their hymn books. Elders meetings were held just across the road at the Sunkisk Cafe and it was on **20th February 1949** that the last service was held at the lido.

£1,000 towards building a church at Saltdean had been given by the South Coast Presbytery in 1948. £5,000 was raised from one source and another and St Martins Church Hall, Longridge Avenue, was built and dedicated on **25th February 1949**. Members came from as far afield as Ovingdean and Newhaven. As St Nicholas was still to be built, the hall was also made available to that community on occasions when not needed by St Martins.

A few years later, it proved possible to erect a further building alongside the church hall to be used as the church proper - the first church in Saltdean - and it was dedicated on **15th June 1957**. It was called **St Martins Presbyterian Church** in keeping with the first Christian church in England. Because of the high winds on the south coast, the plans had to be altered and the tower which was designed originally was never built.

The beautiful pulpit was given in memory of Mrs McLachlan by the congregation and the pews in memory of Miss Fielder and other members. Another gift presented was a striking stained glass window which had come from the Congregational Church at Forest Green, Dorking. All these gifts and many others are recorded in a memorial book which rests on the communion table and is still in use today.

It was agreed by all members in **1971** to join the **United Reformed Church (an amalgamation of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches which was launched nationally on 5th October 1972)**.

Over the years membership grew and in 1965 there were 169 members plus many adherents. Sadly, like most churches these days, the passing years have seen a decline in members. With the passing away of many folk and very few young people staying on after adolescence, the membership is now down to 40.

In **1978**, it was found that St Martin's and Telscombe Cliffs URC could no longer support a minister of their own so a joint pastorate was established. This lasted until **1987** when **Rev. Graeme Allan** was ordained as minister and is residing today.

**June 1995** saw the formation of the **Brighton Area Group of United Reformed Churches**. A coming together of five churches with four ministers, namely Telscombe Cliffs, Saltdean, Lewes Road, Brighthelm and Portslade.

St Martins has always been a very friendly church and the guiding principle remains the same as it did in the days of Misses Angeloni and Fielder - "**That is should always be a place where all denominations could worship together.**"

St Martins hosts a **Friendship Cafe** on the 3rd Monday of every month. The next one is **16th March, 2pm - 3.30pm.**

Do come along for coffee, cake, chat and activities. All our welcome!





(South window with stained glass)

## Later This Month In The Deans...

### Stay & Play St Nicholas Church Every Thursday



**Every Thursday** in our Hall on Saltdean Vale we have **Stay and Play** for children and their parent/grandparent/guardian. We have lots of toys, refreshments, and activities. We end the session with a story, song and prayer.

**Come along anytime between 8.45 and 11.15.**  
No cost but donations are welcome to keep our activities running.

## What's Going On At Holy Cross Church Woodingdean....

**TOTS TILL 12**  
Every Friday 9-12  
a group for parents and carers to  
meet others whilst their tots play  
(parent/carer supervised) with  
tea and cake  
£2 donation on entry  
of Holy Cross Church, Downsway,  
Woodingdean BN2 6BD  
find us on F, I, S, T, G  
www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk

**Friday Drop-In**  
Every week 9-12  
at the Holy Cross  
Downsway  
Woodingdean  
All welcome  
With Tots Till 12  
£2 donation  
Come in for a  
chat, a cup of  
tea and a piece  
of cake

**Women's Singing Circle**  
Wednesday Evenings 7:20-8:20pm  
Parish Church of Holy Cross  
Downsway, Woodingdean, BN2 6BD  
**RECHARGE | NOURISH | CONNECT**  
A friendly singing circle, sharing nourishing songs  
for wellbeing, with harmonies taught by ear.  
Women of every age and life stage welcome.  
No singing experience needed  
Contact Laura to book your  
free taster session 07828125671

**Free Monthly Group**  
**Meet up & Move**  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month  
1.30pm to 3.30 pm  
For anyone over 55 and their carers  
who feel isolated, lonely, or have  
memory loss  
Meet up with a cuppa  
and enjoy some active  
community engagement

[Email For More Info](#)

## Ovingdean's Got Talent! Ovingdean Village Hall 28th March 2026



Ovingdean Village Hall is hosting a spectacular community event, **Ovingdean's Got Talent** on **28 March 2026** - a night guaranteed to entertain, inspire, and celebrate the amazing talent in our community. Please contact Julie Paling [julie.paling@gmail.com](mailto:julie.paling@gmail.com)

**"Ceilidh"  
St Patrick's Church,  
Woodingdean  
Saturday 14th March  
From 6pm**



Come and join us for an evening of great fun, and lively dancing with experienced caller!!

£10 adults including supper (family tickets available)

BYO alcohol

**Tickets from Bernadette 01273 309118 or Irene 07960567544  
Or after 9am mass at St.Patrick's.**

**Divine Light Holistics**



**As spring unfolds, it's the perfect time to pause, reset and give yourself a little well-deserved care and attention. Longer days and lighter evenings invite us to slow down, refresh our energy and focus on feeling our best.**

I'm Jacqueline, a holistic therapist for women, here to help you relax, restore and rebalance through gentle, nurturing treatments designed to support both body and mind.

Spring is a wonderful season for renewal - a chance to release the heaviness of winter and step into the months ahead feeling calmer, lighter and more energised. Taking time for yourself isn't a luxury - it's an important part of maintaining your wellbeing and restoring balance in a busy world.

Whether you're looking to unwind, ease tension or simply enjoy a moment of peace, holistic therapy offers a natural way to support your overall wellbeing.

Book your space now at [www.divinelightholistics.com](http://www.divinelightholistics.com)

[Visit The Website](http://www.divinelightholistics.com)

## 19th Brighton Scout Group - "Beavers"



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