



Wishing Our Readers a Joyful Easter

Hi,

Wishing all our readers a very Happy Easter!

With so much happening across the Deans this Easter weekend, we hope you enjoy getting out and supporting some of the fantastic local events on offer.

We're also excited to launch our very first "**Charity of the Month**" feature. This month, **Helping Paws** has been nominated by one of our readers and it's a truly heart-warming story. If there's a charity close to your heart, we'd love to hear from you.

In this week's **History Corner**, we turn the spotlight on **Rottingdean Cricket Club**, one of the oldest clubs in the county. A big thank you to **Frances Low** for her help in bringing this piece together.

And finally, the **Rottingdean Whiteway Centre** is currently looking for a **Bursar** - if you or someone you know might be able to help, you'll find more details below.

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Saltdean Beach Clean

Tomorrow!

Sunday 5th April

11am - 12.30



Don't forget, our next organised Beach Clean will take place at **Saltdean Beach** on **Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)** from **11am-12.30pm**. All equipment provided or feel free to bring your own.

What better way to work up an appetite for an Easter roast lunch than with a bit of time in the fresh air beforehand?

Why not bring the family with you - the more the merrier!

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Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean



We are now in the middle of **Holy Week** and we still have many services coming up.

Good Friday we will be enjoying hot cross buns after the service.

Easter morning we will be having 3 baptisms.

Our family service at 10.30am will also have an egg hunt!

Why not invite a friend or neighbour?

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The Grange Gallery Beyond The Blue Showing Now until 26th April

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BEYOND THE BLUE
Rottingdean Art Club

The phrase 'Beyond the Blue' aligns distance with colour and mood. It can evoke dreamlike images of water, sky, or far horizons without boundaries. Transcendent and ethereal, it can spark the artist's imagination to explore endless landscapes of time and space. Alternatively it could be interpreted as overcoming feelings of melancholy, often referred to as 'the blues'.

Wednesday 1 April - Sunday 26 April

ROTtingDEAN HERITAGE
Celebrating & Enhancing the Village

Gallery open:
Wed to Sat: 10am - 4pm
Sun: 1 - 4pm

Scan here for more information or visit www.rottingdeanheritage.org.uk

We're very pleased to give information of our new exhibition '**Beyond The Blue**' showing art from

Rottingdean Art Club.

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There will be an exhibition "**Private View**" on **Saturday 4th April** when all artists will be present from **12pm to 3pm** - a perfect opportunity to engage with the artists - all are welcome.

There is also a really special **Children's event** on **Saturday 18th April** when artist and author **Jean Church** is reading her latest 'little book', '**A Little Book of Quirky Characters and Cautionary Tales**' alongside quizzes and colouring. No booking is required but children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Grange Gallery opening hours are

Wednesday to Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Admission free.

Rottingdean Heritage CIO is a locally run charity and for more information visit our website.

[**Visit Our Website**](#)

Woodingdean Wilderness Group

Friday 10th April

2pm - 4pm

Woodingdean Wilderness Group

Would you like to learn to Scythe?

Join us at one of our scything workshops on the WWG Nature Site, Warren Road. It is free, fun, environmentally friendly and good exercise.

Full instructions and safety briefing will be given before we begin. Please wear tough, enclosed footwear with trousers and bring your own refreshments for the afternoon sessions.



Fri 10 April 2 - 4pm
Sat 27 June 10am - 1pm
Fri July 2 - 4pm

ADVANCE BOOKING is required and no under 16s or dogs at these sessions for Health and Safety reasons.

All Sessions will be at the WWG Nature site, outside the West Lawn Memorial Park entrance, Warren Road, BN2 6DD.

What3Words: [//apples.shade.fans](https://www.what3words.com/#!/apples.shade.fans)

For more information and to book a place on any of the above sessions please contact info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com



The Woodingdean Wilderness Group are offering an exciting opportunity for anyone who wants to learn how to scythe. Full training and safety instructions will be given before the event begins.

Scything workshops are planned for the following dates and booking is essential, as places are limited to 15 people.

Friday 10 April 2 – 4pm
Saturday 27 June 10am – 1pm
Friday 2 July 2 – 4pm

Please see the attached poster for further details.

📍 Meet at:

WWG patch, west entrance of the Lawn Memorial Park, Warren Road BN2 6DD
or What3Words: [//apples.shade.fans](https://www.what3words.com/#!/apples.shade.fans)

- 🕒 What to bring / wear:
- Dress for the weather
 - Enclosed footwear
 - Trousers no shorts
 - Your own gloves
 - Refreshments

For health and safety reasons, no under 16s and no dogs are allowed at these sessions.

To book a place please email info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com and specify what day you are booking.

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Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Needs Your Help!



Volunteer wanted

The Whiteway Centre Bursar

Support the day-to-day running of the Centre, including the day-to-day activities of the Caretakers and Cleaner. Should ideally live in the Rottingdean area.

For more information or to discuss,
please contact Bill@rwc.org.uk



[Email For More Information](#)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Saturday 11th April

“Inspirational Talks from Inspirational People in Sussex”

The Secret of Old Master Paintings



David Bomford Saturday 11 April 2026 at 10.30 - 12.30

Drawing on research carried out at the National Gallery and other leading museums, this talk will explore the ways in which paintings are examined and how art history is illuminated and transformed by the revelations that ensue. We'll look at the beautiful refinement of Renaissance workshop techniques, the extraordinary relationships and practices in the Rembrandt studio, the new worlds of the Impressionists and much else besides. Our view of familiar masterpieces will be intriguingly informed by peering below the surface.

£10 including a refreshment. Book on www.rwc.org.uk

Book Your Place!

Charity Of The Month

Helping Paws...

Helping Paws Charity has been nominated by our reader, **Yanoushka Bagiolo...**

"I have been a supporter of **Helping Paws** for many years. I love the whole ethos of a bunch of friends who love animals actually doing something to bring about change. Everyone involved gives their time for nothing which means that every single penny raised goes directly to the animals. **Helping Paws** are forever thinking of fun ways to raise funds which means it is great for the community as everyone can get involved".



The story of Helping Paws by founder , Karen Lippitt.....

Helping Paws was conceived on the side of a dusty lane in the Algarvean hills back in **2013**. A chance meeting with a wonderful lady who rescues dogs in Portugal resulted in my raising funds to bring dogs to the UK via our local RSPCA branch.

However, things change, and some years ago we took the decision to stop rehoming dogs and instead focus our fundraising efforts in helping small rescues and rescuers both here in the UK and overseas.

One of our main focuses is helping small rescues with vets bills, paying for spaying and neutering and during the pandemic paying for food.

Over the years we have done all sorts of things to raise money; from quizzes, to fire walks, art exhibitions and online auctions, and I am proud to tell you that since we started we have raised over half a million pounds!

We have also fundraised for specific causes – for example we held a bingo evening to raise money for the animals on Kangaroo Island in Australia during the bush fires; we held an auction to pay for a retirement village for old dogs in Portugal and more recently have held several fundraising events to help the animals (and people) in Ukraine.

We are not a registered charity and this is a deliberate decision. It means that **EVERY SINGLE PENNY** we raise goes to the animals. There are no admin or accountants fees or salaries.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in any way they can, and, of course, all donations are very welcome.

[Visit Our Website](http://www.helpingpaws.co.uk)

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Rottingdean Cricket Club...



Rottingdean Cricket Club is set in a beautiful coastal village just outside Brighton, East Sussex and is one of the oldest in the country. It is known to have been in existence in **1758** when a match was played at Rottingdean on 28 June where players from Newick, Chailey, Lindfield and Hamsey opposed a side representative of Lewes, Brighthelmstone and Rottingdean. The stakes were a guinea per man which was quite a considerable sum in those days!

The first recorded match played by Rottingdean alone was on **14th May 1759** but there is a reason to suppose that the Rottingdean Cricket Club had already been in existence for some years by then although the number of matches which it had played was probably few. In this game in May 1759, Rottingdean played Brighthelmstone and the stakes were £5 a side.

The captain of the village side was Steyning Beard. When a commemoration match was played two hundred years later, the Rottingdean side was again captained by a Beard, a direct descendent of the original skipper. In the 18th century the wicket consisted of only two stumps, instead of three, the bat was curved at the end and the score was kept by making notches on a stick.

The Rottingdean cricket ground at this time was at Balsdean which is about two miles eastwards up the valley from the present ground. The Rottingdean windmill was also situated at Balsdean in those days but it was transferred to its present site on Windmill Down, above the village, in 1802. The Rottingdean cricketers evidently decided to follow it and throughout the 19th century, and until the outbreak of the First World War, the Rottingdean cricket ground was on top of this promontory of the Downs in the shadow of the mill's sails.

It was from here that the legendary biggest hit in the history of cricket was made when a batsman scored 67 off a single shot (all run!). The ball was hit down one slope of the Downs, was retrieved by a fielder who then threw it in so wildly that it disappeared down the other side and it required nearly the whole team throwing in relays, to return it to the wicket keeper!

Rottingdean Cricket Club is still going strong with 4 Saturday League teams, a Sunday team and 20/20 teams. Lots of youngsters come for coaching and play in Junior teams.

We have successful women's teams and girl's teams and of course mixed teams! Many girls come for junior coaching and stay on to represent the Club. We are keen to recruit new players of all levels plus umpires and scorers. The new season starts mid April so please contact **Dorian Ledden** on **dorian.ledden@googlemail.com** if you would like to join us! The RCC website on Play Cricket has all the contact numbers - we are looking forward to meeting new players, officials soon!

[Visit Our Website](#)



The team of 2025 in the Sussex Cricket League Div 3E.

The last game for our captain, Jack Cox.



The Rottingdean Windmill Warriors who won the
Women's Indoor Autumn Cricket League in 2025!!

Later This Month In The Deans...

Rottingdean Drama Society 22nd - 25th April



Tickets are now on sale!!
"Behind closed doors, decisions are being made. Not everyone agrees.
And time is running out..."



22nd-25th April 2025



Tickets on sale 1st April



Rottingdean Public Hall

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11th July 2026
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anna@ovingdean.net





Calling all local businesses! Pitches for our farm festival 2026 are filling up quickly. For anyone that is looking for a space, please get in touch asap. More information on the day to come

Email For More Information

Woodingdean Bowls Club Open Day Saturday 18th April



Woodingdean Bowls Club
OPEN DAY
Saturday 18th April 2026
At the Bowling Club in Central Park, Woodingdean



New bowlers welcome
Come and try, have some fun,
it's social, all ages can take part

Sessions:
10.30 - 12.30
1.30 - 3.30

For more information contact:
Simon: 07729 246 443
Nick: 07836 745 803

Come and join us at Woodingdean Bowls Club
Saturday 18th April from 10.30am
View our club and give the game of bowls a try!
All ages welcome
Flat soled footwear required

Nuffield Health Thursday 16th April



Mr Edward Casswell
Consultant Ophthalmologist

Ask the Expert: A Closer Look at Cataracts and Retinal Disease

 **Nuffield Health Brighton**

 **Thursday 16th April 6pm**

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Join us for a free health talk with
Mr Edward Casswell, Consultant Ophthalmologist
“A Closer Look at Cataracts and Retinal Disease”

Learn about the signs, symptoms, and modern treatments for cataracts
and retinal conditions, with the opportunity for questions at the end.

All welcome.

To book your place, call **01273 627007**
Or email brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com

Saltdean Lido Quiz Night **Thursday 23rd April** **7pm - 9.30pm**



🍷 Get ready for a fun-filled evening at Saltdean Lido's Quiz Night! 🧠 ✨

Join us for a night packed with brain teasers, laughter, and friendly competition. Whether you're a trivia whiz or just in it for a good time, this event is perfect for everyone who loves a little challenge and a lot of fun!

Bring your friends, form a team of up to **6 players**, and see if you've got what it takes to claim the **fantastic prizes** up for grabs. Beyond the trivia, it's a perfect opportunity to **make new friends, enjoy the lively atmosphere, and unwind in great company.**

Whether you're a seasoned quiz master or a casual participant, this is your chance to **test your knowledge, enjoy some laughs, and be part of a fantastic local gathering.** Don't miss out on this exciting inaugural event — **get your team together and join us for a night to remember!**

Set within our stunning Art Deco venue, guests can enjoy a relaxed bar menu offering drinks and light bites, with the option to **pre-order food in advance** to make the evening even more seamless. Simply order ahead and have everything ready to enjoy on the night.

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