

Edition 33 - 11th April, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to another packed edition of **The Dean Scene!**

With the **Brighton Marathon** tomorrow, we'd like to wish all of the runners Good Luck, including my stepson Jacob who is running for **Prostate Cancer UK**. There's still time to sponsor Jacob for this fabulous cause and you can do so by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/brighton-marathon-2026-946051?>

And while on the subject of Charity events, One of our readers, Mark Earthy will be walking **The Marsden March on 10th May** - please do sponsor him if you can - full details are below.

Our History Corner this week features **Saltdean Bowling Club** and includes an opportunity to join them at their Open Day!

If you would like your club to be featured contact us now! (lisa@deanscene.co.uk)

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Friends of Beacon Hill

Tuesday 14th April

10am at the

Beacon Hub



We are a group of people who value and appreciate our local **Beacon Hill Nature Reserve** and give a little time and practical help to maintain and develop it. We carry out tasks agreed by Brighton City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council who are responsible for the nature reserve.

All Work Sessions are 10:00 to 12:00 at the Beacon Hub on Beacon Hill. We are there on the second Tuesday and fourth Friday of each month so come along!

We ask people to bring secateurs if they have them, to wear sturdy footwear and have good gardening gloves. We provide tools for scrub removal.

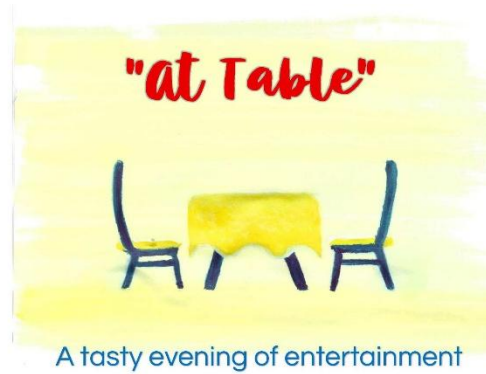
"At Table"

Elate Cafe Restaurant

Rottingdean

Saturday 18th April

at 6pm



After a sell-out performance in February, the witty review **“At Table”** returns to the Elate Café Restaurant in Rottingdean on Saturday 18th April at 6pm.

A two-course set meal is followed by this humorous recipe of drama, poetry and prose featuring some of the most renowned writings of the 20th Century, based on the subject of mealtimes.

Including - Noel Coward for Breakfast, Somerset Maughan for Lunch and John Betjeman for Tea!

Tickets are £35 and available from Elate in person or by phone on 01273 009512 before the 17th April.

Yoga with Ocean on Rottingdean Terraces

(Outdoor Fundraising Class).

Every Saturday 11th April - 2nd May



A unique opportunity to practice gentle yoga at the iconic **Rottingdean Terraces**, with a stunning view of the ever-changing sea.

You are welcome to practice as restfully or as dynamically as feels best for you in each moment. All levels and abilities are welcome, and no previous experience is necessary.

Please arrive a little early to settle in, do bring water, and wear comfortable clothes suitable for the day we're having.

As the practice is partly outside and partly covered we will endeavour to hold the class whatever the weather - however if the forecast is rain we will let you know by 9am on the day of the class if it is cancelled.

Your Teacher - Ocean has been loving practicing and exploring yoga for over 26 years, and long before that she was already experiencing a deep fascination in aware movement and release, practices allowing for a possibility of "coming home," of even the tiniest amount of greater freedom in our lives.

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The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity



Our reader and local Councillor Mark Earthey is participating in the **15-mile Marsden March on Sunday 10th May.**

The route is between the two Royal Marsden Hospital sites in Chelsea and Sutton. Mark is walking in memory of his late wife who died of an aggressive variant of Lymphoma in Aug 2024.

This is Mark's second **Marsden March.**

Please support Mark if you can!

[**Sponsor Mark Here**](#)

Lions Fair & Gala



Two Fantastic Summer Events Coming to the Deans!

Get your diaries ready - the **Lions Fayre in Rottingdean** returns on **13th June**, followed by the ever-popular **Saltdean Gala on 18th July!**

Both events promise a great day out for the whole community and there's still an opportunity to get involved.

We have space available for outside stallholders!

Whether you're a **local trader, small business, charity or organisation**, you can take part for a small fee and be part of these brilliant community events.

For full details and to book your stall, please email us using the link below or **call us on 03458 339617**.

[**Email Now!**](#)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Summer Courses

Summer courses at RWC

Term starts from 20 April 2026

Course offerings include:

- Landscape drawing & painting
- Aspects of Brahms
- La Culture de la France - evening course 5 weeks
- Exploring Brighton Walking Tours - evening course 5 weeks
- Discussion Group - evening course 5 weeks (zoom)
- Creative writing for pleasure
- Life drawing, painting & portraiture
- Circuit Training - evening course 5 weeks (WORKOUT)
- Discovering Classical Music - evening course 5 weeks

For these (and lots of other courses) sign up at rwc.org.uk

[Visit The RWC Website](http://rwc.org.uk)

St Martins Church

Saltdean

The Friendship Cafe

The Friendship Café
3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Tea, Cake & Chat Crafts & Jigsaws Games to Share Make New Friends

- ♥ A Warm Welcome
- ♥ Free Refreshments
- ♥ Donations Welcome
- ♥ At St Martin's Church, Saltdean

— All Are Welcome! —
Join us on the 3rd Monday of the Month
St Martin's Church, Longridge Avenue, Saltdean

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
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The Grange

"Beyond The Blue"

Free Event on Saturday 18th April

1pm - 3pm



St Wulfran's Church

Sunday 19th April

6pm



On Sunday 19 April at 6pm, we will be holding a Gospel Praise service at St Wulfran's church, Ovingdean, with singers from the **Melodix Gospel choir led by Kate Cameron.**

The service/concert will feature the Gospel Choir's own repertoire of wonderful gospel songs, and there will also be gospel hymns for all to sing led by our own musicians. It will be a wonderful occasion. And it's free.

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Saltdean Bowling Club...



(The inaugural meeting)

The year **1971** was notable for a number of things: the best-selling record of the year was George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord" and on TV The Benny Hill show could draw an audience of over 20 million viewers.

But of even greater significance is that **Saltdean Bowling Club** was founded, by **Major H F K T Harrison**, when Brighton Council laid the green, in Saltdean Oval Park, ready for the 1972 season. The Pavilion was completed at the same time and is shared by Saltdean Bowling Club and Saltdean Tennis Club.

The Green was formally opened by MP Andrew Bowden on **13th May 1972**.

Those were the days when the dress code for men was blazers and ties, with white trousers, and although the blazers could be discarded during the actual game, the ties couldn't. (Nor could the trousers). The women wore

skirts and hats. The bowls were made of wood and could be black or brown.

The club soon met with early success, and a report in the Brighton and Hove Gazette dated October 3, 1980 records that they had won 30 of the 38 matches played and had won promotion to the third division of the Brighton and Hove league, which is described as an excellent achievement for a club formed so recently.

Over the years, as the dress code has relaxed, and the bowls are now made from a plastic composite material, available in almost any colour, the club has continued to prosper and gained a reputation as a friendly and welcoming place. So if you fancy giving it a go, come along to our **Open Day on Saturday 25th April from 10am.**



(The 2025 Members)

A promotional poster for Saltdean Bowling Club's Open Day. The background is a photograph of a bowling green with a clubhouse in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'SALTDEAN BOWLING CLUB' in black. Below that, 'OPEN DAY' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Underneath, a green banner with white text says 'Come and try bowls – the friendliest club around'. A yellow banner below that says 'Saturday 25th April 2026'. Then, a clock icon is followed by 'Drop in anytime between 10am – 4pm', and a location pin icon is followed by 'Saltdean Bowling Club'. In the lower half, there's a white box with the text 'Never played before? Perfect. Come along, have a go, and see what it's all about.' followed by a list of six bullet points with checkmarks. At the bottom of this box, it says 'We're proud to be one of the friendliest clubs around – come and see for yourself.' Below that, a dark green banner with white text says 'Stay active. Meet new people. Try something different.'

SALTDEAN
BOWLING CLUB

OPEN DAY

Come and try bowls –
the friendliest club around

Saturday 25th April 2026

🕒 Drop in anytime between **10am – 4pm**

📍 **Saltdean Bowling Club**

Never played before? Perfect.
Come along, have a go, and see
what it's all about.

- ✓ Just bring a pair of flat-soled shoes
- ✓ We'll provide the bowls
- ✓ Friendly introduction to lawnbowls
- ✓ Support from experienced members
- ✓ Relaxed, social atmosphere
- ✓ Coaching available
- ✓ Refreshments available

We're proud to be one of the friendliest clubs around –
come and see for yourself.

Stay active. Meet new people. Try something different.

Later This Month In The Deans...

Save The Date!

Helping Paws are at the RSPCA Brighton

Summer Festival

31st May 2026



The RSPCA Brighton are hosting their Summer Festival & Dog Show, and Helping Paws will be there with their very own stall!

Be sure to save the date and come along to support **Helping Paws**, our current **Charity of the Month**.

[Helping Paws Website](#)

St Patrick's Church

27th April



A Musical afternoon with cream tea!

St. Patrick's Church, Woodingdean is holding a musical afternoon with a delicious cream tea!

Don't miss it!

It is on **Monday 27th April at 2pm**. The musical is a well known one but updated. Great cast. In fact **Anything Goes!** Memorable songs and fabulous dancing. There will be a short interval and the Cream Tea will follow after the film.

All parishioners and friends welcome plus local residents. A small charge of £5 to cover the tea expenses.

We look forward to seeing you!

Rottingdean Bowling Club

Saturday 25th April

10am - 4pm



The poster features a vibrant background of a bowling green with colorful bunting flags at the top. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner. At the top left is the logo for the Bowls England. The main title 'OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a green outline. Below it, a green banner contains the text 'Ever wanted to try bowls? Pop by and try your hand at it!'. The event details are presented in a clean, white box with icons for a calendar, a clock, and a location pin. A photograph of a person bowling is shown in a white-bordered frame on the right side. The bottom of the poster has a green background with white text and a yellow button.

ROTTHINGDEAN BOWLING CLUB
EAST SUSSEX

OPEN DAY

Ever wanted to try bowls?
Pop by and try your hand at it!

SATURDAY
25TH APRIL

TIME:
Anytime between
10AM - 4.00PM

LOCATION:
ROTTHINGDEAN BOWLING CLUB
The Green, Falmer Road, Rottingdean, Brighton, BN2 7DY

ALL ADULTS WELCOME!
Just show up with a pair of flat soled shoes to change into.

- ✓ Lawn bowls session
- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Club bar open

WE ARE OPENING OUR DOORS AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

STAY ACTIVE, STAY SOCIAL

**Woodingdean Methodist Church
Monday 20th April
Doors Open 1.30pm**

**Woodingdean Methodist Church
PenMo Film Club
Monday 20th April.
Doors open 1.30pm
Film starts at 2.00pm.**



**This is an open event for all
Entry donation suggested at £3
Tea and cake included.**

**Women In Golf (WIG) Program
East Brighton Golf Club**

2026 **GOLF TASTERS** 

#FOREeveryone



APRIL 2026

FREE To Enquire/ Book Email: holly@ebgc.co.uk

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN A NEW SKILL, KEEP FIT & HEALTHY

East Brighton Golf Club are proud to be part of the movement to increase women and girls participation in golf and encourage more opportunities for women to work in the golf industry.

Our goals for 2026:

Continue to implement recruitment initiatives targeting women & girls

Promote inclusion to the wider community

Support designated members within the club whose role it is to support new participants and members

Come and Join one of our **FREE** Taster Sessions and see if golf is for you!

Email Holly: Holly@ebgc.co.uk

Here are some testimonials from our new members from the Women In Golf Program.....

"I attended an initial 'Taster Session' at East Brighton Golf Club. Although I felt a little nervous with very limited experience of golf, the welcoming atmosphere quickly put me at ease. The session itself was well organised and suitable for all abilities, ranging from complete beginners to those with some prior experience, and it was easy to feel part of the group from the start." Jenna

"I joined the East Brighton women in golf program as a complete beginner and someone who wasn't particularly interested golf! 18 months later I am able to enjoy playing a round, have a handicap and have even played in club competitions. The coaching by James is exemplary, he explains everything in a way that actually makes sense as well as making the lessons interesting and fun. His feedback is always helpful and focused on what you personally need to improve rather than generic advice. Holly puts her heart into organising the program and is always on hand to make sure that things run smoothly. The other golf club members and staff have been very welcoming - in particular the other lady members who have made a great effort to make sure that everyone on the program has been well supported. I would highly recommend joining the program, and alongside learning golf I've also made new friends." Barbara

**Watch A Video
Here!**

Meet some of the "WIG" Members.....



Saltdean Lido Quiz Night

Thursday 23rd April

Tickets Still available !



🎉 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.

[**Book Tickets**](#)

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