

Edition 34 - 18th April, 2026



Hi Nick,

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

From **pilates to rockpooling to gospel choirs** - there's something for everyone this week!

In our **History Corner**, we turn the spotlight on **Rottingdean Bowling Club**, with thanks to **Norman Watson** for his contribution.

As we head into summer, excitement is building for both the **Rottingdean Village Fair** and the **Helping Paws Fun Dog Show** - and stallholders are now being sought! You'll find more details below if you'd like to get involved.

Best wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

St Wulfran's Church

Sunday 19th April, 6pm

SING GOSPEL	MELODIX 
Sunday 19 April 6pm	
 ST WULFRAN'S OVINGDEAN <i>Spirit</i>	Come and join us for Praise and Worship with great Gospel music, featuring Melodix Choir
All Welcome!	

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!

PenMo Film Club

Woodingdean Methodist Church

Monday 20th April

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.

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Film starts at 2pm
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Helping Paws
Fun Dog Show
Sunday 6th September**



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The Pilates Corner

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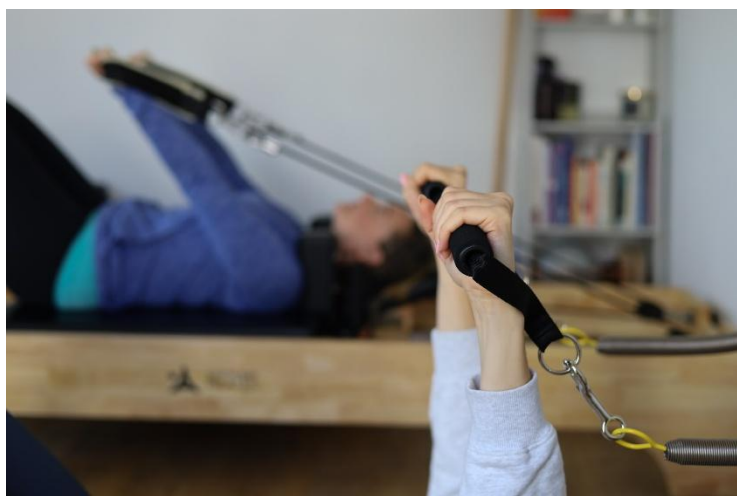
Make moves mindfully with **Pilates** and movement teacher

Anna Pearce at The Pilates Corner.

A nourishing space to get curious about, strengthen and move your frame, **The Pilates Corner** is a small, specialised, fully equipped studio guided by principles of accessibility of language, movement and sensorial experiences for all. Located in the heart of **Rottingdean Village**, it offers one-to-one or small-group Pilates classes that are (as described by existing clients) playful, rewarding and transformative.

Anna's pilates teaching career spans more than ten years, and is constantly evolving. Her classes are designed to bring about awareness, guiding you with kindness towards ease of movement while challenging the body with (and through) motion.

For further details of what's on offer, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at the link below.



[**Visit The Pilates Corner Website**](#)

**St Martins Church
Friendship Cafe
3rd Monday of the Month
2pm - 3.30pm**



**Friends of Beacon Hill
Friday 24th April**



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.

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(Commencing Friday 24th April)**



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An Outdoor Yoga Fundraising Class on Rottingdean Terraces

Every Saturday
18th 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.


[Book Your Place!](#)

Rockpooling At Ovingdean Saturday 25th April 11.30am - 2pm




Ready to dive into another **BioBlitz Battle at Ovingdean Beach?**

Each month, we return to the same stretch of coast to spot, score, and see who can find the most (and the rarest!) marine life. Whether you're flying solo or part of a team, every observation counts toward your hub's leaderboard and our shared understanding of coastal change.

 **When:** 25th April 2026 | 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

 **Where:** Ovingdean Beach

 **Challenge:** Spot as many species as you can - rarer finds mean more points!

Join your local community for another day of discovery, friendly rivalry, and real marine science in action.

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Rottingdean Bowling Club...



Rottingdean Bowling Club was established on its present site in **March 1934** on what had been farmland and a caravan site, and was formally opened by the Mayor of Brighton Corporation, Mrs Margaret Harding.

An eighteen century barn and cowshed was adapted as a pavilion. Originally it was half the current size with a brick wall separating it from the cowbyre. Then in the late fifties the wall was removed and the Pavilion extended. It has a wealth of very old oak beams reputed to have formerly been ships timbers and it is still in use today.

The Ladies changing rooms and then the Men's changing rooms were built later by members of the club.



(The original clubhouse)



(and the transformation!)

At the inaugural meeting of the club the officers elected were Sir Roderick Jones KBE, Admiral Clark CBE, Sir George Lewis Bart., Col. Moens DSO, and William Brown JP. These were the Honourable Members and the rest were “players”, i.e. working men from the village! How times have changed!

The first lease from the Brighton Corporation was for three years at a cost of £50 per annum, and the club’s annual membership subscription was £1.1s.0d. The Club even had an annual tea party given in the house of the Village Squire!

Sir Roderick Jones, then Chairman of Reuters, was elected as the first President of the club and held the post for over 30 years. He lived in North End House and was married to Enid Bagnold, the famous author who wrote 'National Velvet' .

In 1934 only two games were played, both against Newhaven, but by 1935 the number of games had risen to 21.

Lady playing members were admitted in late 1934, and the first record of a Ladies' Section with its own officers is in 1942 when they played a grand total of three games.

By 1943 membership had risen to 80, and ten years later had reached 117, most of whom played matches regularly and competed for club trophies which had been generously donated by club members. Activity at the club increased as membership grew with friendly home and away games, county and national competitions.

We now have about 100 playing members who play up to 120 games and competitions throughout Sussex during the five month season, May to the end of September.

In 1948 we moved from playing in ordinary clothes to playing in whites and blazers.

In 1968 the ladies changing room was built.

In 1987 the men's changing room was built – mainly by club members with money coming from the Theobald family.

During our 80th Anniversary year, 2014, we were privileged to host a match with the Chelsea Pensioners.

The club is holding an Open Day next Saturday 25th April and all adults are welcome!



(Members in the 1970's)

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

Later This Month In The Deans...

**Children's Church
St Nicholas Church
Saltdean
Starts Back 26th April**

ST NICHOLAS

TERM TIME

Children's Church

10 30 AM

STARTS BACK ON APRIL 26TH

QUESTIONS?
ASK LIS
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Grow Your Own Day
Woodingdean Community Centre
Saturday 25th April



GROW YOUR OWN DAY
Saturday 25th April
11.00-14.00

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FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Woodingdean Community Centre
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The Grange Gallery - "The Nature of Being"
Wednesday 29th April - Sunday 24th May

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THE NATURE OF BEING
Romany Mark Bruce



The Nature of Being is a vibrant collection of paintings inspired by insects and plant life, by sculptor and painter Romany Mark Bruce. The collection was sparked by a fleeting moment when a ladybird landed on his dog's nose.

Bruce is also the creator of the 4m bronze Brighton & Hove AIDS Memorial which stands in the New Steine, Brighton. His monograph, *Sculpting Colour*, celebrating 30 years of work, was published in 2024.

**Wednesday 29 April -
Sunday 24 May 2026**

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Rottingdean Village Fair

1st August 2026



2026 ROTTINGDEAN VILLAGE FAIR

Book your stall space online from today!

Bookings are now Open for the **2026 Fair** taking place on **August 1st 2026!**

All previous stallholders have been invited, please check your email Inbox/Spam folders.

Charities and Community Groups - please message us if you have not received the special booking form.

Commercial Stallholders, please visit the website to make an enquiry <https://rottingdeanvillagefair.co.uk/book-a-stall>

The **RVF Committee** is very excited and looks forward to a busy few months ahead!

Visit The Website

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