

Edition 35 - 25th April, 2026



**Local Events, History, Community
News and Special Offers -
Delivered Straight to Your Inbox
Every Saturday...**

Hi,

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

We have some exciting news from Karen, founder of **Helping Paws**, our featured charity for April, before we showcase May's Charity of the month in next week's edition!

There is a fabulous event at **Saltdean Lido** on **Friday 1st May** "Back To The 90's Disco Party," where all ticket proceeds go to **Coppafeel Breast Cancer Charity** - see more details below!

We are also very excited to learn that **Saltdean's Women's Institute** will be holding their **Inaugural Meeting** in a few week's time...a History Corner in the making!

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Grow Your Own Day Woodingdean Methodist Church Today - 25th April!



Children's Church St Nicholas Church Starts Back Tomorrow 26th April!



**St Patrick's Church
27th April
A Musical Afternoon**



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!

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!

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Join our Tea Clubs

Peacehaven Tea Club
Mondays 2pm to 4pm - The Immaculate Conception, 38 Horsham Ave, Peacehaven.

Telscombe Tea Club
Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm - The Civic Centre, Southcoast Road, Telscombe.

Saltdean Tea Club
Fridays 2pm to 4pm - St Nicholas Church Hall, The Vale Saltdean.

Clubs are **FREE** to join.

our new Rottingdean Tea Club, First Thursday of the Month, 10am to 12pm - The Plough Inn, Rottingdean.

Please support your only charity shop in Rottingdean Village.

All your donations go towards supporting our Local Tea Clubs, helping us to combat loneliness and isolation in our community.

Find us on The High Street, opposite The Black Horse Pub.



**Back to the 90s Disco Party
Charity Event in Aid of Coppafeel
Saltdean Lido
Friday 1st May**



Get ready to throw it back to the 90's for a night of feel-good music, dancing and proper nostalgic vibes, all for an amazing cause 🤍

Join us for a fun, high-energy 90's Disco packed with iconic tunes, great company and plenty of dancefloor moments. Think good music, great people and a night where you can just let your hair down and have fun.

There will also be a raffle & lots of wonderful prizes up for grabs!

"I'm Lyndsay - a local Rottingdean Mum. This event is part of my fundraising journey for Coppafeel, as I'll be trekking the Great Wall of China this September with Giovanna Fletcher to help raise awareness and vital funds for breast cancer. Every ticket sold goes directly towards our Coppafeel fundraising total, so by coming along you're genuinely making a HUGE difference."

So grab your friends, dust off your best 90's outfit and come party with us. Let's dance, laugh and raise some money together for a brilliant cause.

Can't wait to see you there!



Book Your Ticket!

Transform Your Garden This Season! 🌿

An advertisement for Garden Trends. On the left, a teal background contains the text "Create Your Ultimate Outdoor Escape" in yellow. Below this, it says "Garden furniture, BBQs & outdoor kitchens — free UK delivery". On the right, a photograph shows a well-maintained garden with a wooden pergola, string lights, a stainless steel BBQ, and a wicker outdoor sofa with cushions. A yellow button at the bottom right says "Shop Now at gardentrends.co.uk".

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If your outdoor space could do with a little inspiration, now's the perfect time to refresh it.

At Garden Trends, you'll find everything you need to turn your garden into a place you truly enjoy spending time in — whether

that's relaxing with a morning coffee, hosting friends, or simply soaking up some sunshine.

From stylish garden furniture and clever storage solutions to decorative features and practical essentials, their collection is designed to suit all spaces and budgets. Whether you've got a cosy courtyard or a larger family garden, there's something to help you make the most of it.

Even better, their website is easy to browse, packed with ideas, and regularly updated with new seasonal products - so it's well worth a look if you're planning any outdoor upgrades.

👉 Take a few minutes to explore what's on offer and get inspired. Your perfect garden setup might be just a click away.

Visit Garden Trends Today

"The Nature of Being" The Grange Gallery 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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[Visit The Website](#)

Charity of the Month... Helping Paws

Exciting news from Karen, Founder of Helping Paws....

"It is all systems go at **Helping Paws** as we begin to plan our annual fun dog show at **Saltdean Oval Park on 6th September**. There is so much to arrange, from council licences, to ordering trophies, finding sponsors; it is an almost never-ending list.

The hard work is worth it though. Not only because the dog show raises vital funds for animals all over the world but because it has become an annual community event which people now really look forward to. The actual day is great fun (so far the Sun Dogs have smiled on us and we have always been lucky with the weather).

In addition to the dog show we have all manner of stalls and games, for both kids and dogs – this year we are going to have a human slot machine for the first time which I predict will be hilarious chaos! Our Tombola is always hugely popular and we are so lucky that so many local businesses get behind us and provide some amazing raffle prizes.

We still have spaces for **stall holders** as well as **advertisers** in the fancy programme we produce each year. We also need a food vendor who can provide gluten free and/or vegan food. If you would like to know any more please feel free to call me on **07818 402771** and I look forward to seeing you with or without dogs on **6th September!**"

Karen – Helping Paws



[Visit The Helping Paws Fundraising Page on Facebook](#)

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The advertisement features a background image of a luxurious villa with a swimming pool, outdoor seating, and a view of the sea. The Villa Select logo is at the top, with the tagline 'HANDPICKED VILLAS. UNFORGETTABLE HOLIDAYS.' Below it, a dark blue curved box lists four benefits: 'Carefully selected villas in stunning locations', 'Exceptional comfort and style', 'Personal service you can rely on', and 'Holidays made for lasting memories'. At the bottom left, a globe icon is next to the text 'DISCOVER YOUR PERFECT VILLA' and the website 'www.villa-select.co.uk'. A circular badge on the right says 'SUNSHINE AWAITS. Let's find your perfect escape.'

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Whether you're planning ahead or looking for a last-minute escape, now's the time to start exploring your options.

🔗 Discover your ideal villa today - Sunshine, comfort, and unforgettable memories are closer than you think!

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**An Outdoor Yoga Fundraising Class
on Rottingdean Terraces
Every Saturday
25th 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 Now!



Woodingdean Bowls Club...



In the early **1970s**, a band of bowls enthusiasts got together with the aim of playing **Lawn Bowls** in **Woodingdean**. After approaching Brighton council parks and gardens department officials they were told that indeed a bowls pavilion and bowls green would be built in Central Park Woodingdean and work would commence in **1972**.

The **Woodingdean Bowls Club** was formed in **1972** and for the next two years the members played their matches at Queen's Park.



This image, from the official opening on the 4th of May 1974, shows the Treasurer (L. J. Bennett), President (C. E. Crowther), Councillor (Alfred Feld), Captain (F. H. Portas), Vice Captain (T. F. Curtis) and Secretary (H. G. Bellingham).

The club became affiliated to local, county and national associations, committees were formed and matches were played. The club came to their new home in 1974 and membership increased.

The officers of the club were forward-thinking with the result that after many meetings with council officers a proposal was put to the members at a memorable special general meeting in the late 1980s to the effect that the small pavilion be increased in size and that a substantial extension be built all along the front of the pavilion with a patio overlooking the bowls green.

In order to finance the building work, members generously gave interest free loans and in December 1990 the extension was completed. Other financial help was given by Sports Council by way of a 5-year loan and a small grant. Local shops also contributed to the fund.



I don't mind if I do! A drinking licence was approved and given, and a small bar was built in **January 1991**.

The first member's short mat league was played until April when the open season started and since then **short mat bowls** has been played during each closed season and is popular with members.

In the latter part of the 1990s further construction work was carried out, the new patio making it one of the best viewing areas of any bowls club in the county.



Here to stay..

The club has recently obtained a further 25-year lease and is responsible for the total maintenance of the pavilion.

It has a vibrant social committee who organise a number of excellent socials throughout the year. Over past years the captains of the club have with the support of members, visiting clubs and by various other means made very worthwhile donations to charities.

The members take great pride in the club and believe the **Woodingdean Bowls Club** is amongst the best outdoor bowls club in the city and indeed in the county. It hosts several touring bowls clubs each year, some of which often return.

The club has teams competing in The Brighton & Hove District Bowling League and throughout the outdoor bowls season play an average of 80 to 90 matches.

Want to play Lawn Bowls in Woodingdean?

New members are always welcome here. Why not come along and try lawn green bowls for yourself? Our outdoor season runs between April and October each year.

Become A Member

Later This Month In The Deans...

**Rockin' Rendezvous
Saltdean Lido
Saturday 2nd May
3pm - 7pm**



Get ready to **swing, jive, and stroll** to the hottest hits of the 1940s and 1950s at **Saltdean Lido!** 🎵 ✨

While you're soaking up the beats, explore our curated vintage market, packed with retro treasures, fashion finds, and nostalgic goodies. Shop, browse, and maybe even pick up something perfect to complete your vintage look — all while the music keeps your feet itching to hit the floor.

[Book Your Tickets](#)

RNLI Quiz Night
Tuesday 5th May
Doors Open 7pm



Join us for May Day Quiz!

As part of our May Day week, we are holding a Quiz night at Seaford Con Club's new home in Dane Rd (formerly The Shore Bar)

Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm approx.

Teams of up to 6 persons

Quiz fee: £6.00 per person (including. booking fee)

Bar & Raffle!

[Book Here](#)

Saltdean Women's Institute
Wednesday May 13th
2pm - 4pm



Our long awaited transition from Saltdean Townswomen's Guild to **Saltdean Women's Institute** is finally going ahead with our inaugural meeting being officially opened by the Deputy Mayor of Brighton and Hove on **Wednesday May 13th** at **St Martins Church Hall** , with Rev Kate from St Nicholas blessing our future.

Whilst we were immensely saddened to see the end of such a wonderful institution as the TG, we are now determined to go ahead and make this a really successful WI branch as a follow on from our happy , successful and informative previous "life"

We are voting at the opening meeting as to whether to move to a different Venue . The options are to the more central St Nicholas Church with its car park and very convenient bus stop or to continue with our current meeting place at St Martins Church .

We have a very strong committee indeed with Elaine Self becoming our first President and we are lucky to have attracted an Accountant as our Treasurer and a retired solicitor to the committee whilst retaining our current very able Secretary .

It's our intention to be a much more campaigning group and pro active in promoting Women's issues in Saltdean. We are the only women's organisation active in Saltdean , so we will take our role very seriously .

We meet on second Wednesday of month 2-4pm for speakers , socials etc as well as having a myriad of activities such as book club, wellness sessions, flower arranging, games afternoons, and singing sessions with other like minded groups . We have lots of ideas for future groups such as family history and play reading. We also have monthly lunches, outings and coffee mornings. We hope to announce soon our adoption of a women's charity , which has yet to be decided.

We are energised, excited and motivated so watch out for us taking a very active role in the community! **Saltdean WI** will definitely not be just Jam and Jerusalem! Needless to say we welcome ladies of all ages to join us in this very exciting venture

For further information please contact either Sonia or Elaine

Sonia Copland Vice President 07709944902

Elaine Self President 07760480414

Holy Cross Church Spring Makers Market Saturday 16th May



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Saturday 16th May

Brighton Male

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**Saturday 16th May at
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