

Edition 36 - 2nd May, 2026



Hi Nick,

Welcome to the first May edition of *The Dean Scene* — and it's a special one as we shine a spotlight on our **Charity of the Month**, *The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity*.

With just over a week to go, one of our readers, **Mark Earthey**, is gearing up to take on the **15-mile Marsden March** in support of this incredible cause. If you're able to show your support, I know it would mean a great deal:

<https://march.royalmarsden.org/fundraisers/markearthey13143>

In this week's *History Corner*, we take a step back in time and explore the story of **Telscombe Village** - with a big thank you to Douglas D'Enno for providing the wonderful images.

We have an important message from the **Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club** who are on the lookout for new members - they will not be able to continue without the support of our local community - please read the article below and support our Lions!

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Ovingdean Beach Clean Sunday 3rd May



We're back in action on **Sunday 3 May** at **Ovingdean Beach** for our magnificent **May Bank Holiday Beach Clean!**

We'll be there from **11am-12.30pm** - all equipment provided or feel free to bring your own. And please spare some time at the end of the morning to help with the sorting of the finds: the more we can sort, the less goes to landfill. We hope to see you there!

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Visit The Website

Charity of the Month

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity



May's **Charity of The Month** is **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity** and has been nominated by our reader, Mark Earthy.

A few words from Mark.....

"Cancer is the scourge of human health, bringing pain and suffering to those with the disease, and to their loved ones supporting them. One in two people contract some form of cancer during their lives, which is why we need new medical breakthroughs more than ever before.

*While most cancer sufferers do not die, the disease still causes a huge medical, emotional, and financial burden on our society. I would like to nominate **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity**, which is renowned for leading and pioneering the research behind life-saving treatments for people with cancer everywhere.*

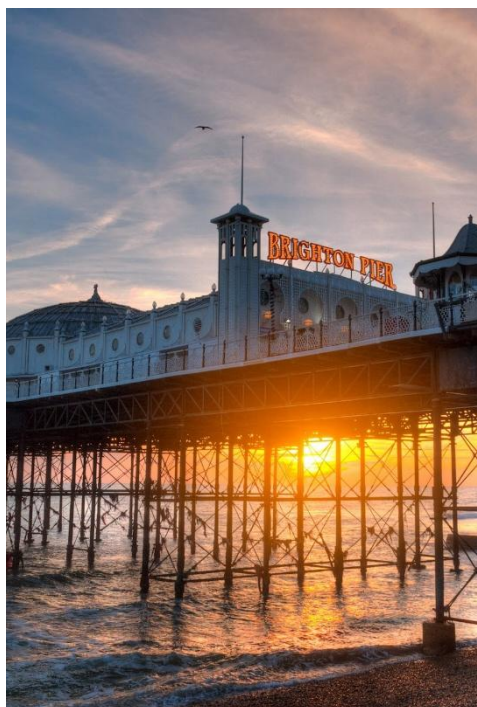
Every year, I walk the 15-mile Marsden March between the two Royal Marsden Hospital sites at Chelsea and Sutton in memory of my late wife. Please sponsor me – every penny counts – and maybe one day, we'll defeat this dreadful disease."

Please do sponsor Mark if you are able to - he will be completing the 15-mile Marsden March on Sunday 10th May 2026

Sponsor Mark Here!

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20% off a Sailing Experience or a Power Boat Adventure at Brighton Boating <https://www.buses.co.uk/brightonboating>

[Learn More](#)

Royal Pavilion Resident Admission Discount



Residents of Brighton & Hove enjoy greatly discounted admission to the Royal Pavilion all year round, with up to four accompanying children free of charge. If your postcode begins with BN1, BN2, BN3 or BN41 simply bring along proof of your home address (eg a Council Tax or utility bill) to claim your discount.

We will need one proof of address for for each adult.

Get more details from the Royal Pavilion Website.

Royal Pavilion annual free day

To celebrate the purchase of the Royal Pavilion by the town of Brighton in 1850, admission charges are waived one day a year.

[Visit The Royal Pavilion Website](#)

Pro Tip for Residents - Don't forget your proof of address (like a utility bill or driving licence) when visiting—it's needed to unlock these great offers!

The Pilates Corner - Rottingdean

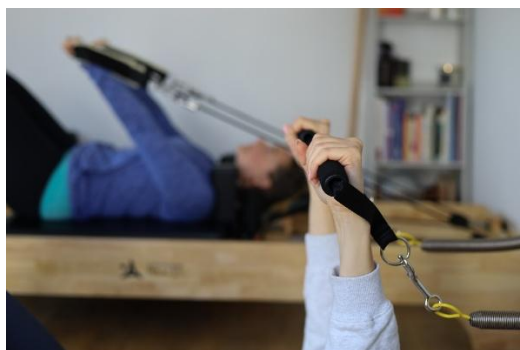
Observe. Get curious. Connect and re-centre.

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.



Email to Book!

'Wednesdays at One'

at The Grange!

We're so pleased to be able to give details of this year's very popular **Wednesdays at One** series of lunchtime talks.

These take place in The Grange Gallery (unless otherwise stated) above the library, opposite the pond, in our beautiful village of Rottingdean by the sea.

Places are limited to 40 people and as there is no booking required - we operate on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a voluntary suggested donation of £3.00 to help pay for our wonderful speakers.



A series of short lunchtime talks at The Grange at 1pm:-
Admission is limited to 40 seats
Suggested donation £3

6 May: David Rudling FSA : History of the Penny from AD600
3 June: Bob Smale : Brighton Rock : The Book, the Film, the city!
1 July: Geoff Mead : South Downs National Park
5 Aug: Cathryn Pearce : Shipwrecks and Smuggling
2 Sept: Sarah Tobias : Mrs Beeton and Household Management



A series of lunchtime walks near The Grange at 1pm:-
Suggested donation to church or garden £3

- 20 May: Tim Stevens : Tour of the Grange Gardens**
- 17 June: Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard**
- 15 July: Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard**
- 22 May: Jean Spray : Burne Jones windows at St Margaret's Church**
- 19 Aug: Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard**
- 16 Sept: Tim Stevens : Tour of the Grange Gardens**

Enquiries to archivist@rottingdeanheritage.org.uk

Visit The Website

South Coast Taxis
Call 01273 301111

A promotional graphic for South Coast Taxis. At the top, the text "SOUTH COAST TAXIS" is written in bold black letters on a white background, with a circular logo to the right containing "24/7 TAXI". Below this is a photograph of a white Mercedes-Benz sedan driving on a road, with motion blur effects. Underneath the car, the phone number "01273 301111" is displayed in large, bold black font. Below the number are two white rounded rectangular boxes: the first contains "GATWICK £60" and the second contains "HEATHROW £120". At the bottom of the graphic, the text "WOODINGDEAN / ROTTINGDEAN / SALTDEAN / O VingDEAN" is written in a smaller, bold black font.

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 **Browse the full range and get inspired today**

[**Visit The Charles Bentley Website Here**](#)

The 60th Edition Brighton Festival is Here!



We're thrilled to share the programme for the

60th edition of Brighton Festival.

This May marks a momentous milestone: not only are we celebrating six decades of world-class performance here in Brighton, but it is also the **40th edition** of the **Children's Parade** and the **10th edition** of **Our Place**.

From **1–25 May**, we're welcoming **over 100 events** from artists around the globe. Dance, theatre, circus, music, comedy, visual art — it's all here, and you're invited to be a part of it.

Brighton Festival Website

St Aubyns Chapel to be open to the Public Every Sunday in May



The Chapel at **St Aubyns** was fully refurbished as part of the St Aubyns development including the restoration of a stained glass window depicting three former pupils. The **Parish Council** took possession in June last year and has since been cleaning the interior and protecting the stained glass windows.

The Chapel will be open to visitors

from 14:00 to 16:00 every Sunday in May,

with Councillors on hand to answer questions.

Come and have a look round!

Gertrude's Garden Arts and Crafts



Gertrude's Garden Arts and Crafts are back for their 4th year. Located in the serenity of **The Grange Gardens, Rottingdean** (opposite The Plough on the Pond pub), we are a collective of 7 local artists who love creating and sharing our work.

We are a varied bunch and our handmade creations include paintings, glasswork, textiles, mosaics, aromatic products and jewellery. We have all been busily creating over the winter months and hopefully can provide you with that perfect gift or indeed something for you to take home and treasure.

During the two May Bank Holidays we will be hosting Daniela from Blueschein who will be leading 4 Cyanotype workshops. **Sunday/Monday 2nd/3rd May** and **Sunday/Monday 24th/25th May**

plus **Sunday/Monday 30th/31st August**. Booking details are on our Facebook page or contact us via e-mail at gertrudegallery23@gmail.com for more information.

We have a fully booked schedule of Guest Artists. These change every 2 weeks and will always be detailed on our social media pages. We are also hosting a variety of workshops which are still in the planning stages but will be publicised once finalised.

Come down for a visit and while you're there go up to view the main gallery and museum in the main building, finishing off with a cake and cuppa from the wonderful Grange Tea Gardens.

We are open Wednesday to Sunday 11AM-4PM, May through September, along with all Bank Holiday Mondays.

Email For More Info

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

History of Art Tutor Vacancy



Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

History of Art Tutor vacancy

Qualified and experienced History of Art Tutor wanted for daytime adult education courses
Rottingdean based community centre
Full academic year from September 2026

Ideally offering a course for keen students with no prior knowledge
Small group tutoring
3 x 10 week courses of 2 hours per class (term time only)
Preferably Wednesday afternoons

RWC employment contract, pay £34.50 per hour (under review), including holiday pay

We also have opportunities for tutors of other subjects



Contact Caroline at caroline@rwc.org.uk for more details, attaching up-to-date CV

[Email For More Details](mailto:caroline@rwc.org.uk)

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Telscombe Village...



Perched quietly on the South Downs, Telscombe Village is one of those places that feels almost untouched by time. With its sweeping views to the sea and a layout that still echoes centuries past, it offers a glimpse into a much older Sussex.

The story of Telscombe stretches back over a thousand years. Its name is thought to come from Old English, meaning “valley of a man called Tægel” or possibly “valley where posts or markers stood.” By the time of the Domesday Book in 1086, Telscombe was already established as a small agricultural settlement, part of the vast lands owned by William de Warenne, one of William the Conqueror’s most powerful barons.

For centuries, life in Telscombe changed very little. It remained a quiet farming community, its residents working the chalky Downs, grazing sheep and cultivating the land. The village’s isolated position meant it escaped much of the rapid development seen elsewhere, preserving its rural character long into the modern age.

At the heart of the village stands **St Laurence Church**, a building with origins dating back to the 12th century. Built from flint and stone, it has watched over the village for generations, its simple structure reflecting the modest but enduring nature of the community it served. Step inside, and you're standing in a space that has been part of village life for nearly 900 years.

Unlike neighbouring Peacehaven, which expanded rapidly in the 20th century, Telscombe Village resisted large-scale development. Its conservation status today helps protect its historic layout, traditional homes, and open green spaces. Walking through the village, you'll still find flint cottages, quiet lanes, and uninterrupted views that would be familiar to residents centuries ago.

There is also a strong sense of continuity in the land itself. The surrounding Downs have been shaped by farming practices that date back generations, and ancient field boundaries can still be traced across the landscape. It's a place where history isn't just found in buildings, but in the very contours of the land.

Today, Telscombe Village remains a peaceful, close-knit community -valued not just for its history, but for the sense of calm and perspective it offers. In a fast-changing world, it stands as a reminder of Sussex as it once was: simple, enduring, and deeply connected to the land.

Did you know???

- **St Laurence Church:** A prominent village landmark featuring 19th-century renovations but with 12th-century origins.
- **1930s Development:** In 1930, Telscombe became England's first all-electric village, with mains water and electricity provided to the houses.
- **Gorham's Gift:** Following a 1933 bequest by Ambrose Gorham, a large part of the village was placed in a trust to prevent further development, ensuring its historic, rural character remains.



The story of James Lulham is a tragic footnote in British legal history, as he is widely remembered as **the last man in England to be hanged for sheep stealing.**

The Crime and Capture

James Lulham was a resident of **Telscombe Village**, where sheep farming was a major industry. In **1819**, during a period known for its "Bloody Code"—where hundreds of crimes were punishable by death—James and his brother, **John Lulham**, were convicted of stealing sheep at Falmer.

While his brother John was sentenced to transportation and sent to Australia, James faced a harsher fate. Reports suggest he was made an example of, possibly because he attempted to escape and was subsequently recaptured.

The Execution

James Lulham was executed by hanging on **28 August 1819**. The execution took place at **Horsham Common**. His death is noted for its relative "notoriety" as it marked the end of capital punishment for sheep rustling in England, a crime that had previously seen many men go to the gallows.

Today, the village of Telscombe still carries a physical reminder of his story:

- **Lulham Close:** A residential street in the village is named after him, despite a local policy at the time against naming streets after individuals.
- **Historical Record:** His burial entry reportedly contains a handwritten note confirming his status as the last person hanged for this specific crime in the country.



Later This Month In The Deans...

The Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions

Need New Members!



The **Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club** is in danger of closing due to lack of members and needs new members -

That could be you!

Come and talk to the Lions in the community:

The Downs Hotel, Woodingdean Thursday 11th June 8-9pm

The Spanish Lady, Saltdean Wednesday 17th June 7.30-9pm

or contact us

Call: 03458 339617

<https://www.rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk/>

email: info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk

We are still on the lookout for a garage or similar space to store our fundraising equipment. If you know of a garage that is available please do get in touch. Thank you!



Visit The Website

Deans Senior Tea Club VE Day Celebrations



Grinstock Comedy Club Saltdean Lido Thursday 14th May Doors from 7pm



 Thursday, 14th May |  Doors - 7:00 PM | Show Starts - 8:00 PM

 A Night of Laughter Awaits at Saltdean Lido!  

Grinstock Comedy Club returns to the South Coast! So, if you're looking for the perfect midweek night out?

After 17 seasons, national award nominations for Comedy Club of the South, two years running, from national media brands Dave TV & Absolute Radio. Alongside sold-out shows across the South, Grinstock Comedy is back by the sea, bringing you cutting-edge comedy in one of the most stunning venues on the south coast.

Come early, grab food and drinks, and settle in for a night of big laughs with friends, partners, and colleagues, all around your own table.

This is the **second night of a new Saltdean series**, and it's going to be special, for this is live comedy done properly.

[Book Tickets](#)

Tropicana Nights Ska & Reggae Saltdean Lido Friday 15th May



Friday, May 15 • 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

Overview

Prepare for an awesome evening of Ska & Reggae music in the Ballroom.

🎵 **Get ready for an unforgettable evening of Ska & Reggae!** 🎵

Join us in the **Ballroom** for a night full of **laid-back grooves, infectious rhythms, and classic vibes** that will have you swaying from start to finish.

Whether you're a lifelong fan or just discovering the magic, this is your chance to **kick back, relax, and immerse yourself in the sound of Ska & Reggae.**

Bring your friends, your love for great tunes, and your best dancing shoes — or just come to **chill and soak up the rhythm.** It's a night designed to celebrate the best of Ska & Reggae in a fun, welcoming, and vibrant setting.

Important: All seats and tables are **unallocated** and available on a **first-come, first-served basis**, so arrive early to grab the perfect spot and make the most of the night!

Book Tickets

Holy Cross Church Spring Makers Market Saturday 16th May



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